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Head gives warning on two-year-olds being sent to school



By John O'Leary and David Charter

MANY parents are treating their children "like young animals," sending them to nursery schools while they are still in nappies, the head of an independent schools association said yesterday.

Record numbers of two-year-olds are going to school and Paddy Holmes said she feared for the future as many children stayed with their mothers only while they were biologically dependent on them.

Mrs Holmes, chairman of the Independent Schools Association Incorporated, was speaking at a press conference to announce the first rise in the number of privately educated pupils for five years - an increase almost entirely due to the number of

two- and three-year-olds at school.

The Independent Schools Information Service disclosed that 4,584 twovear-olds attended private schools last year - 27 per cent more than in 1994 and the biggest increase for any age group. Another 11,500 children aged three produced a 7.4 per cent increase in pre-school enrolments.

Mrs Holmes, headmistress of Ditcham Park School in Petersfield, Hampshire, said the sector was

responding to parental demand, but she harboured grave doubts about the age at which some children were enrolled. "We are really beginning as a nation to produce children treated in many ways more like young animals, staying with their mothers only as long as they are biologically dependent," she said. "Some children even in nappies are now going to school and losing that bond because

both parents are working." Mrs Holmes said the trend resulted from the pressures on mothers to hold down a career, and she sympathised with parents. "For some, a prep school is the only alternative to a

socially and it works well educationally. But we may live to reap the dividends in social terms of children separated from their parents from the age of two."

A growing number of preparatory schools now have nursery depart-ments taking two-year-olds. Some also have creches for even younger

Chris Evers, a headmaster who chairs the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, said most young children attended nurseries only part-time. "We wouldn't be doing it if we thought we were

driving a wedge between parents and their children," His association opposed "hothousing" young children and had issued guidelines on "constructive play" for two-year-olds.

But Mrs Holmes said research had shown that lengthy separation of young children from their parents often caused psychological damage. They could experience feelings of rejection, becoming insecure and withdrawn.

Earlier this year, Tony Evans, chairman of the Headmasters' and Continued on page 2, col 8

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66 Tories vote to cut power of EU court

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MORE than 60 Conservative MPs showed their disdain for the European Union yesterday by supporting a backbench Bill to limit the power of the European Court of Justice

lain Duncan-Smith's Bill had no chance of becoming law, but it was seen as an important test of backbench opinion on Europe and it attracted the support of 66 Tories, including the former Cabinet ministers John Redwood, Norman Lamont, John Biffen and Kenneth Baker, as well as Anthony Coombs, a parliamentary aide who later

apologised for his action. Many of them later made plain that they had backed the measure to register a wider protest at recent developments in the EU, most notably the ban on British beef. They also claimed that they were acting in line with a more pronounced mood of scepticism within the country as demonstrated by the growing interest in Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which is threatening to field up to 600

candidates at the next election. Mr Redwood will today meet Sir James to explore his plans for a referendum on all aspects of Britain's relationship with the rest of Europe and to consider whether there



The Tunes on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk are any chances of a compromise that would discourage him from fielding candidates at the election.

In the Commons, however, John Major shrugged aside any thought of a deal. Taunted by Labour beckbencher Don-ald Anderson, who asked "what further measures of appeasement" he and Tory chairman Brian Mawhinney had in mind "to placate the patriot across the water, he replied: "The answer is quite

clear - none." New indications that the Referendum Party may target pro-European Tories in marginal seats are causing fresh alarm among Conservative MPs and Mr Redwood said last night that his objective today was to ensure that the Conservatives were the beneficiaries of the anti-federalist vote at the election. "I will tell him that splitting that vote between us and him will let in the Labour Party."

Mr Redwood and Norman Lamont had earlier stood beside Mr Duncan-Smith as he sought curbs on the European Court, saying: "We are witnessing a process of judge-made law which goes far beyond the traditional scope of the British national courts and cuts across the vital concept that law-makers should be fully accountable to their electorate. Furthermore, once it makes such a ruling, it has been decreed by the court that the relevant power is forever lost to the national

government." Mr Duncan Smith's measure was rejected by 83 votes to 77, thanks largely to opposi-tion MPs who were joined by only five pro-European Tories.

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Owen Oyston, chairman of Blackpool Football Club, leaves court accompanied by his wife Vicki and two daughters, Karen and Heidi

element in the slot is overdone

and the comment is not as

John Humphrys, a Today

presenter, said that rather

than have a slimmer list of

contributors, he would prefer

to see a longer list. "I find this

a rather surprising decision.

sophisticated as it might be."

Tycoon denies rapes at castle

BY KATE ALDERSON

OWEN OYSTON, the millionaire media tycoon, raped two teenage models at his loth century castle, it was alleged

yesterday. Mrs Helen Grindrod, QC, prosecuting, told Liverpool Crown Court that the 62-yearold chairman of Blackpool Football Club and owner of a number of regional magazines and radio stations, forced one of the girls to have sex in a four poster bed, and the other to take part in a three-in-a-bed session at his home Claughton Hall, near Lancaster, Lancashire.

Mrs Grindrod said the girls, then aged 16 and 17, had believed Mr Oyston could belp their modelling careers, and stayed silent about their ordeal for years fearing that nobody would believe them. Mr Oyston denies the charges.

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Thought for the Day clergy are ordered to take a rest

By Ruth Gledhill and Alexandra Frean

Thought for the Day to make it politically safe.
Three of the best-known contributors to its popular religious slot on Today are being "rested" and the decision has provoked anger.

In a letter to contributors, David Coomes, the producer, says some scripts, especially those on political issues, are too simplistic. He insists: Thought should not be about government or even opposition bashing. Everybody else in Today does that."

Canon Philip Crowe, former principal of Salisbury theological college, who has done more than 200 Thought for the Days over 20 years but is being "rested" for a year or so "to make way for new names", accused the BBC of vetting his

copy to make it politically safe. He said: "I am told that Thought must be less immediate, less topical. The result is that Thought for the Day is

THE BBC has been accused of becoming Thought for Yes-axing presenters on Radio 4's terday." The Ven George Austhe changes were needed because, "at times the political tin, Archdeacon of York and Dr Leslie Griffiths, former president of the Methodist Conference, have also been told that they are to be

In a letter to the three clergy. Mr Coomes insists: "I use the term 'rested' genuinely; all strands need refreshing from time to time, and there is no reason why old favourites etc cannot return as others in turn are rested."

One BBC insider said that





Princess says surgery visit was not stunt

The Princess of Wales yesterday denied that her decision to watch a heart operation while being filmed on television was a publicity stunt. The successful surgery on Arnaud Wambo, 7, from Cameroon, was performed by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. A statement by the Princess's that she would continue to work with charities in which-

Chechen leader's death reported

ever ways she choses. Medical Briefing, page 7

Reports from Chechenia yesterday claimed that Dzhokhar Dudayev, the rebel leader. had been killed during a Russian air attack

Khodzhakhmed Yerikhanov, a rebel commander, was quoted by the Tass news agency as saying: "Dudayev died together with several people from his close circle." However, some figures in the Chechen leadership deextra bill for tax By KAREN ZAGOR

Top earners face

TOP rate earners will pay extra tax totalling up to £1.5 billion when the new system of self assessment begins to bite next year.

Under the old regime. which was phased out earlier this month, the nine million people who file tax returns had to settle by December. The controversial new system will oblige higher rate taxpayers, who receive extra income from savings and investments, to make two payments in January 1998. One will be retrospective for the whole of the 1996-97 tax year, while the

other will be for the first half of the 1997-98 tax year. A second instalment will fall due in July Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat MP, has tabled a

parliamentary question asking the Chancellor, "if the yield in 1997-98 from higher rate income tax charged by direct assessment on investment income received net of lower rate income tax will be

of self assessment; and what estimate he has made of the extent of the difference." David Norman, personal

financial services manager at KPMG in Leicester, said: "It could be a bit of a shock to some people who will effectively be paying 112 times the amount they might expect." The system of self assessment will affect about nine

million people, including those who are self-employed, company directors and some employees with extra income, such as interest from savings accounts and other investments. Top rate tax of 40 per cent is paid by those earning in excess of £29,265.

As a result of the transitional rules some higher rate taxpayers will have to pay their whole 1996-97 liability plus the first instalment of their 1997-98 liability in January 1998. That amount will be half of the previous year's liability. Up to £1.5 billion will be levied before the end of the tax year in April.



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Lucifer in grey flannel summons all his wily demons

not be obvious. As heatmaps, registering infraures which escape conventional notice, so a havoc-tracking satellite beamed to detect wickedness at the Commons yesterday would have mapped Prime Minister's Questions boisterous though it was - in muted colours and blurred

But upon one quiet detail the satellite's mischief-scanners would have blown a fuse. Iain

European Comunities (European Court) Bill, leaps from that map: a scarlet stratospheric cyclone. The forces of anarchy came spiralling in. The vortex of all evil was gathering on the Tory backbenches. The mad people were convening. Briefly, the Dukes of Hazard had assembled before dispersing to run like demons among us.

Mr Duncan-Smith (C) represents the same Chingford that sent us Norman Tebbit. His declared aim was to

rule Bill, mildly named the "amend" the European Comcripple the European Court, but, arguing with cool plausibility, Duncan-Smith walked softly. Only the waistcoat and

John Redwood sat beside him, his face too thin and his eyes too wide. Norman Lamont slipped in and sat down between them, like Lucifer in grey flannel descended from the heights. It was chilling how many of them there were, beached by a ebbing Redwood's leadership bid. Te-



tide, as good men and women. sensing something clammy in the air, drew their coats worriedly about them and hurried out. Redwood nodded as Duncan-Smith spoke. Behind them sat Tony Marlow (C, Northampton North), whose striped blazer and fluorescent opinions had lit the launch of Mr

resa Gorman (C. Billericay) bustled in with all the swagger of the Bad Fairy in a village panto. No child dared hiss.

And who was that, reclining palely in his usual place? John Arbuthnot Du Cane Wilkinson (C, Ruislip-Northwood) scrutinised the carpet for European micro-spy-cameras, sitting patient and motionless alienation.

Sir Edward Heath rose to depart, his step slow and weary. At the Bar of the House he paused, turned and peered at the gesticulating Mr Duncan-Smith with a sort of dazed abhorrence, then humbered out. Sir George Gardiner (C. Reigate), in front of Duncan-Smith, smiled a wan smile. Sir George always seems the wrong way up. Hanging upside down from a rafter he would look more natural. Nicholas Winterton (C. Mac-

for a portrait in political clesfield), in a tie of violent yellow, looked up attentively as Duncan-Smith sneered, to titters, at the absent Sir Edward. To his left sat an animated Ian Paisley (DUP, Antrim North) and a bloodless Peter Robinson (DUP, Belfast East), like a ventriloquist and

David Shaw, (C. Dover), the only Tory ever to attack Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. kept his head still but flicked his eyes around the chamber. With Mr Shaw you half expect a long sticky tongue to shoot

out and snap you up. Duncar-Smith had all the best tunes. Charles Kennedy (Lib Dem, Ross, Cromarty and Skye), opposing, flailed about, a decent man somehow unable to marshal his case. Why, agreeing with Duncan-Smith and disagreeing with Kennedy, would I fight on Kennedy's side? Because the argument is secondary. Ask first what kind of people are advancing it and why. Mr Duncan-Smith and friends, more numerous by the day, are mad, bad and danger-

Lack of beef cull policy impedes rapid end to ban

EUROPEAN farm ministers may agree to ease the ban on British beef exports next week. the Agriculture Minister, to the Brussels Commission yesterday made clear that Britain had yet to come up with a clear slaughter policy to convince its partners to lift the embargo.

After talks with Franz Fischler, the EU Farm Commissioner, Mr Hogg sounded an optimistic note, saying the pair had "explored together how we can achieve a rapid removal of the ban". The council of farm ministers. which meets next Monday, "is

By Michael Hornsby

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ANIMAL welfare campaign-

ers vowed yesterday to target

sites where thousands of un-

10 days old will be slaughtered

as part of emergency controls

Under an £80 million

scheme which took effect yes-

terday, dairy farmers can

slaughter newborn calves

which they would have been

Joyce D'Silva, of Compas-

able to export to the Continent

to be reared for veal.

against mad cow disease.

of the steps we have taken." he added. Mr Hogg said he had not mentioned the subject of British retaliation, an idea which Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, had implicitly brandished in ministerial talks in Luxembourg on Monday before the Government softened it yesterday.

In London, however, the Government's stance remained confused. In the Commons John Major insisted that the Government would consider other options if the lifting of the ban was "unreasonably withheld". But with the Foreign Secre-

tary ruling out illegal retalia-

innocent. Animal lovers are

horrified that newly-born bull

calves are to be killed even

before they have had a life.

The Government is treating

these tiny animals like trash

instead of respecting them as

sentient creatures capable of

The animal welfare pres-

sure group, which staged

month-long protests last year

against calf exports, plans to

target abattoirs and Ministry

Until March 27 when the

European Union imposed a

ban on British beef and cattle

feeling pain and fear."

of Agriculture offices.

sion in World Farming, said: exports, dairy farmers were

suspending Britain's contributions, Downing Street declined to elaborate on what Mr Major had in mind. It is thought that he was referring to the likelihood that Britain would obstruct and veto EU business if it fails to get its

Tony Blair, in an angry exchange with Mr Major in the Commons, called on him to "take a grip". The Labour leader derided the "confusion and incompetence" at the heart of Government policy, likening its strategy to that of the Grand Old Duke of York. Paddy Ashdown, the beral Democrat leader,

for up to £150 a head.

Abattoirs will get E103 for each newborn calf they slaughter. After deducting

transport, slaughter and dis-

posal costs, the abattoir will

give the balance, which is

likely to average about £80, to

the farmer. Some 80 abattoirs

have been approved to take

for human consumption. The

Ministry of Agriculture said

the carcasses could be pro-

cessed for pet food provided

the thymus and intestines

The calves cannot be used

part in the scheme.

Despite a visibly friendly rapport with Mr Hogg, Herr chler struck a contrasting note. The Commission wanted the ban lifted as soon as possible, he said, but it was Protesters target abattoirs still waiting for the final plan for eradicating BSE disease which Britain is committed to over dairy calves slaughter present to the Council. "The measures must be enforced. Controls have to convince us This is the slaughter of the exporting 470,000 surplus that the prerequisites are there calves a year to the Continent for removing the export ban,"

> Herr Fischler, whose experts are working closely with British officials, noted that the programme to restore confidence in British beef should not be based on the number of animals to be slaughtered but rather on "clear criteria. We are still waiting for proposals writing," he said.

handling of the BSE crisis as a

"fiasco", "The Foreign Secre-

tary launches gunboats over

breakfast, Tarzan sounds the

retreat over lunch and by dinner the poor old Agricul-

ture Minister, on his way to

Brussels, is shot in the foot

The Government's apparent

retreat angered the Euro-sceptics. William Cash said

the EU ban was itself a form of illegal sanction and demand-

ed Britain suspend its contri-

butions until the situation was

gain," he said.

Mr Hogg, who spoke of the "difficulties" in deciding a British cull, suggested that he was resigned to seeing the ban phased out in stages.

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Head quits Malvern after tensions

BY DAVID CHARTER AND JOHN O'LEARY

THE headmistress of a leading independent school unexpectedly resigned yesterday, two years after being recruited from business with no

experience of teaching.

Malvern Girls' College in Worcestershire, which costs Ell,700 a year for boarders, said Dr Anne Lee left "by

mutual agreement".

The Times understands her departure follows a breakdown in relationships between Dr Lee and school governors. They were not unanimous in appointing her from her successful career in management and consultancy in March 1994 and some senior teachers were said to be still unhappy at her lack of teaching experience.

Tension came to a head after Dr Lee, 42, appeared on the BBC's Panorama talking about the widespread availability of drugs for young

Dr Lee, in an emotional final assembly before clearing her desk, told pupils the headship was the best job she had ever had. In a statement she only hinted at the rift with governors, saying: "I have enjoyed the support of staff. parents and pupils, whose enthusiasm and spirit will stay with me for a very long

On Panorama on March 25. Dr Lee appeared to suggest a drug-culture was rife among her pupils, saying: "I am sad to say that I would not



be surprised to find that by the time they have left here, many of them will have been offered drugs in the holidays." She added: "The investiga

tions we have done for this programme have brought some to me the reality of what they are confronting and the fact that it is so widely available for them. The fact that almost every one of them says that they have been offered or know where to get drugs wherever they go, it

Governors were said to feel disappointed that Dr Lee did

not make a more robust stand

against drugs. The college said in a statement that governors had their own views on how to build on the changes Dr Lee had made at the school. "There is a need for a period of calm and consolidation to allow these changes to be fully implemented. The [governing] council, while in-

augurating and accepting these changes, has its own views as to the best way to build on these very real

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Schools

accused some parents of opting out of their responsibilities, so that their children were victims of "opulent neglect". Yesterday Mrs Holmes went much further. "I feel strongly that young children need a one-to-one relationship, not one-to-eight," she said. "It is oversimplifying I know, but if I thought the human race. was meant to be brought up like that, we would be born in at a time."

Mrs Holmes, 56, has four young grandchildren, none of whom went to nurseries before the age of four. She founded Ditcham Park 20 years ago and the school caters for 300 children between the ages of four and 16. The Independent Schools Association incorporated represents more than 300 minor.

There is fierce controversy among psychologists about the possible damage caused by childcare. Although many researchers argue there is no long-term harm caused by sending young children to school, Mrs Holmes referred to the work of John Bowlby. who linked breaks from both parents to a long-term breakdown in self-esteem.

Bowlby illustrated his "attachment theory" by showing that an infant separated from its parents for a couple of weeks would reject photographs of its parents.

Dr Ned Mueller, a leading clinical child psychologist. said parental care was crucial to the forming of a child's character up to the age of five. Lack of contact with parents could lead to emotional and behavioural problems for the child later in life.

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Ministers ready to rebel on divorce

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its divorce law reforms, Tory rebels claimed yesterday. The rebels, led by the former ministers Edward Leigh and John Patten, are backing amendments calling for the concept of fault to be reinstated and for a cooling-off period of 18 months to two years for couples seeking to split up. The Government is giving MPs and ministers a free vote

on all the most contentious aspects of the Family Law Bill, which is now going through its final stages in the Commons. But the Government would nevertheless be highly embarrassed. Ministers who may back the amendments include John Gummer, Ann Widdecombe, Michael Ancram, James Clappison, and two whips, Patrick McLoughlin and Michael Mates.

Jury damages criticised

Juries cannot be trusted to decide the level of damages against police and the task should be given to judges, Brian Hayes, Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, told a conference on civil actions against the police. He said that the Yard would support a move from police investigation of complaints to a fully independent system if this would help public confidence and cut civil actions.

Asylum curbs defeat

The Government suffered a defeat in the House of Lords last night over plans to tighten asylum laws and curb bogus applications. A move backed by the Duke of Norfolk and Lord Runcie of Cuddesdon to provide extra rights to victims of alleged torture was backed by a majority of 19 peers. The government must now decide whether to try to reverse it in the Commons.

Fraud mayor jailed

A mayor who claimed £3,000 in expenses for bogus council engagements was jailed for three months yesterday. Rhys Lewis. 56, who was mayor of Aberaeron, Dyfed, claimed mileage for fabricated journeys for three years until an auditor noticed he was being paid far more than other councillors. Lewis, an independent councillor, admitted 15 counts of obtaining money by deception.

Student eviction wrong

A Nigerian student "ought not to have been summarily evicted" from his flat when he was arrested and allowed bail in September 1994 after failing to apply for an extension to stay in Britain, the Court of Appeal ruled. It was unlawful for housing authorities to evict tenants just because they were illegal immigrants, the court said in its judgment against Hackney Borough Council in east London.

Channel 4 apologises

Channel 4 has issued a public apology for the use of bad language in the early evening show TFI Friday, presented by Chris Evans. Sir Michael Bishop, the chairman, said the channel regretted three outbursts of swearing on the show, which is broadcast at 6pm, well before the 9pm family viewing watershed. The programme will now be pre-recorded so that swear words can be bleeped out.

Kirk counts the cost of clerics on transfer list

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

feuds with their congregations over issues such as the Virgin Birth, attitudes to homosexuality and even which hymn book to use have cost the Church of Scotland £250,000 in the last five years. When ministers fall out so

badly with their congregations that no reconciliation can be made, the Kirk makes an immediate one-off payment of around £15,000, equal to one year's minimum stipend, to pay for food, clothing and accommodation until another job is found. A report by the Kirk's Maintenance of the Ministry Committee which will go before the General Assembly next month says: "Often tensions run high and unresolved issues and difficulties become the agenda

for a new ministry. Some congregations can have matters to deal with which go back for generations." Yesterday the Rev Gordon Jamieson, convener of the com-mittee, said: The breakdown of relations seems to have worsened over the last five years. That is why we have spent £250,000 to enable ministers to live whilst they wait for a new charge or train for another means of livelihood. We can't

particularly when they may not he to blame for the situation." Mr Jamieson said attitudes had changed over the last 40 years. The previous generation accepted what a minister said

throw them out on the street,

MINISTERS involved in bitter and did. "Nowadays, ministers have to acquaint their congregations with how they wish to do things and a concensus is reached," he said. "In certain cases, there is so much disagreement that they have to part company. And since you can't move a congregation, the minister has to go."

The report to the General-Assembly says: "We must ensure that conditions exist where minister and congregation can work together in harmony." It says the best way to end the warfare is to replace any minister whose face does not fit with a specialist Interim The report also expresses

concern over the ability of the Kirk's 1,300 ministers to live: on their stipends which are set to rise slightly to £15,348 this year. Rev John Chalmers, depute secretary of the Board of Ministry, said that more and more ministers, some of whom work 100 hours a week. found it difficult to make ends meet. The minimum stipend. is all that many families have on which to exist. Where there is no working spouse, the situation tends to be worse. and keeping a manse heated is another worry, he said.

According to the report, the

Kirk is currently using around E830,000 of Reserve Fund income to help pay the salaries. of its clergy because congregations are not giving enough to meet the minimum stipend.

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Teenage models 'raped by tycoon in castle bedroom'

THE multimillionaire Owen Oyston raped two teenage models after they were told he could help their careers, a

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court was told yesterday. The girls, aged 16 and 17 at the time, worked for a model agency run by Mr Oyston's friend Peter Martin. They had been told Mr Oyston was a powerful friend". Liverpool Crown Court heard. The implication was that he would be useful to them in their hoped-for careers, Helen Grindrod, QC, for the prose-

cution, said. Mr Oyston, chairman of Blackpool Football Club and owner of regional magazines and radio stations, has denied raping one of the girls in 1989 or 1989 and raping and indecently assaulting the other in

Mrs Grindrod said Mr Martin had a house in Sale, Manchester, known as the models' house, where some of them would stay. The first alleged victim, who was a 17year-old virgin, stayed at the house in Sale during the week because she lived some distance away and on one occasion was introduced to Mr Oyston at a restaurant.

During a meal at an hotel she was offered a life home, but Mrs Grindrod said that instead of being taken to Sale she was driven north to Claughton Hall, near Lancaster. Mr Oyston's 16th-century

A JUDGE who tried to arrest

a burglar at his local post

office was hit over the head

with a bottle, a jury was told.

Anthony King, 53, was

attacked by Henry Earl, 33,

but still tried to stop him

escaping, Guildhall Crown

The confrontation put Mr

King in hospital. He said he

was on his way home from an

evening pantomime when he

found Earl breaking into the

He told the thief he was

under citizen's arrest, but Earl

brandished a bottle of whisky

as Mr King blocked his path.

Without warning, Mr King

was smashed with "full-force"

over the head, "splitting his

But instead of giving up, Mr King grabbed hold of the

robber and struggled, "holding on for grim death" on the

pavement for nearly a minute.

The "strong, athletic" robber

managed to break free after

slipping out of his shirt and

ran off, pursued by Mr King.

But after a chase across the

quiet village of Drayton, in

Oxfordshire, where Mr King

lives, the thief escaped. Mr King, an Oxford graduate

who played rugby and football at university, sits on the Mid-

tand and Oxford circuit. He

told the court: "I heard a loud

banging coming from the

shop and the sound of shatter-

ing glass. I saw the figure of a

man climbing through the

Court was told.

village post office.

head open".

11.30pm and midnight, the door was opened by the businessman. Mr Oyston, who is married with four children, showed her around briefly before leading her to a bedroom with a four-poster bed.

"She was scared, alone in the middle of nowhere in the middle of the night with a man she hardly knew," Mrs Grindrod said. He asked her to sit on the bed, she refused and asked to go to the bathroom, where she stayed for ten

The former model, now 25, tearfully told the court that when she returned to the bedroom she found Mr Oyston sitting on the bed naked apart from his shirt.

She said Mr Oyston told her to sit on the bed, which she did because she was "young and frightened". She complied with his instructions to remove her underwear and kept on her dress and jacket. "I didn't want him to do

anything." she told the court. She described how Mr Oyston had allegedly climbed on top of her and said: "Just shut up and do as you are told." The alleged victim said: "I told him not to have sex with

me. He kept saying I could learn you a few things." She pushed Mr Oyston off and he told her she was being stupid. The woman then ran out of the

"I was in absolute turmoil," she said. "I was disgusted with myself." She did not tell any-

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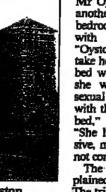
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one about the alleged incident because she was too ashamed. She stayed on at the model agency because her parents were keen for her to succeed as a model and she was afraid of When asked if she was given money by Mr Oyston, she said she had been given £200 and £700 on separate occasions but had not wanted the money. When asked why she accepted it she said: "I was involved with powerful mon-

The woman denied having a relationship with Mr Oyston but Mrs Grindrod said that when he told police that they had had a consenting relationship for about a year.

letting them down.

Mrs Grindrod said that the second alleged victim was 16 years old when she first met Mr Oyston in a restaurant in 1991. She had been living at the house in Sale and Mr Martin had taken her to dinner with other girls from the house and Mr Oyston. It was alleged that Mr Martin told her they were "going to meet a rich guy called Owen Oyston who was one of his friends". She met him but had no conversation with him.

On another occasion after a meal she was told to sit in the back of a car with Mr Oyston, it was alleged. As the car was travelling towards Claughton Hall. Mr Oyston unzipped his trousers and made her have -oral sex, the court was told.

Mrs Grindrod said that vhen they arrived at the hall Mr Oyston took the girl and another young woman to a bedroom. After he had had sex with the young woman, "Oyston then ordered her to take her clothes off and get in bed with him. She did what she was told. Oyston had sexual intercourse with her with the other girl still in the bed," Mrs Grindrod said. "She lay still and unresponsive, making it clear she was

not consenting."

The alleged victims complained to the police in 1995. The trial continues.



Elizabeth Hlinko says Richard Branson grabbed her

Branson sweeps up Liza Minelli at the party for his New York megastore

Branson dismisses sex claim at opening of American store

From Quentin Letts

in new york
RICHARD BRANSON
floated down in a silver shop in New York yesterday and then showed the same indifference to danger when questioned about a former employee's sexual harassment claims.

Mr Branson, head of the Virgin group, has been ac-cused of fondling Elizabeth Hlinko, a one-time public relations manager for the company. Ms Hlinko said that the entrepreneur grabbed

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"distraught" did she become that, after being fired last summer, she "collapsed" and was admitted to hospital.

Mr Branson vigorously denies any impropriety. He said that Ms Hlinko was an opportunist and noted that her harassment suit coincided with the opening of his

Megastore in Times Square. His balloon descent was a characteristic stunt though originally be had hoped to walk a tightrope across Times Square. The megastore is a bold venture, stocked with than a million CDs, 1,000 listening booths, 21 miles of audio cable and, crucially, 45 tills. Mr Branson said he was

'100 per cent sure" he would succeed in having the suit thrown out. "She is accusing me of doing something at a party at which there were 250 people. My family was there." Ms Hlinko worked in New

York for Virgin Atlantic and was fired, Mr Branson said, because she was no good at her job. Her lawyer ap-proached Virgin with the lawsuit last month but was immediately told there would be no cash deal to settle the claim.

Claughton Hall, the home of Owen Oyston

udge injured

in struggle to

arrest burglar

Recorder quits over trip to gay club

By Frances Gibb LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A JUDGE has resigned after allegations that he was involved in gay sex. The resignation of Anthony Russell, 45, who sits on the bench part-time as a crown court recorder, followed claims in a Sunday newspaper about his

cash till. After a length of time Yesterday Mr Russell, a I called out, "You needn't think you are going to leave. I am going to arrest you for burglary." He added: "Without warning the robber brought the bottle down very forcibly in an overarm action on my head. The effect was to split the skin

assault on September 22, 1994. premises, having recently re-ceived some very distressing The case was adjourned until actions have caused no harm to anyone, except myself and my immediate family." He also wrote to the Attorney-General, resigning as leading

> Last autumn Judge Thornton, who was then a crown court recorder, faced calls for his resignation after allega-tions that he had taken part in sex with prostitutes. The judge, who steadfastly refused to resign, was backed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who accep-



Judge King struck over head with whisky bottle

visit to a men-only club.

parrister, said in a statement issued through his chambers in Manchester: "I have written to the Lord Chancellor tendering my resignation as a re-corder." He confirmed that he had visited the Greenhouse club in Walsall, West Midlands, where the News of the World reported that he spent 30 minutes with two men in

the club's "dark room". He said: "I did visit the personal news. I needed to escape for a couple of hours. My life has been wrecked. My counsel to the Inland Revenue.

ted his explanation.

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Pregnant RE teacher sacked

By Lin Jenkins

ROMAN CATHOLIC school said yesterday that it was legally entitled to dismiss a teacher after she became pregnant by the local priest. More Upper School, in Bedford, dismissed the religious education teacher because she practised extramarital sex, placing her in a impossible pos-"morally ition", John Bowers, for the

school, told an industrial tribunal in London. Monika O'Neill, 31, is appealing against a tribunal

ruling in 1994 that she was not a victim of sex discrimination. She won an earlier claim that she was unfairly dismissed after it was found she was pregnant by Father Chris O'Neill.

The couple have since married and have three children. Mr O'Naill, who left the church after being banished to a religious retreat, and his wife sat together during the second day of the hearing.

Mr Bowers said: "It was not the pregnancy that was intolerable to the school but the obvious manifestation of extra-marital sex. It was the moral aspect of her conduct that was an issue." He said the headmaster

initially congratulated her on the pregnancy and offered to arrange married accommodation. When it became clear she did not intend to marry, it was suggested she resign. The school is saying the pregnan-cy was within an inappropri-ate relationship which made it not right for her to teach religious education."

Mr Justice Mummery said he would deliver his judgWhatever business or service you're looking for, local or national, call Freepages. We'll do the searching and it won't cost you a penny.

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MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MEDICAL and health chari-

ties planning to apply for 160 million of National Lot-tery money have been warned not to pay for advice from

"cowboy" consultants offering

them a professional grant

Timothy Hornsby, chief ex-

ecutive of the National Lottery

Charities Board, said that he

had discovered a number of

opportunists hoping to make a quick buck" by advising

ments in local papers claiming

that the only way to obtain a

lottery grant was to pay for

their professional services. Others were selling booklets.

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advice are just misleading

some are extremely poor value for money in that they say very much less than we say in the

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field a fair number of cowboys

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nise their stetson hats and

One £14.50 leaflet obtained

spurs," Mr Hornsby said.

"Some of these pieces of

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groups applying for grants.

application service.

By Adrian Lee

A DISRUPTIVE schoolboy will be taught by outside staff in his present school at a cost of £100 a day in a compromise to try to avert a strike by teachers.

Twenty teachers at Glaisdale School in Bilborough. Nottinghamshire, are threatening to strike from Friday unless a decision to expel Richard Wilding is reimposed. They were considering their position last night after a package of measures designed to avert the strike was announced following a meeting between the boy's parents, the headmaster and the local

education authority.

The youth will spend 2½ days a week at the school where he will have two half-day teaching sessions with the head and three with a special needs teach-er. He will also have two half-day sessions of home tuition and three sessions a week at a unit for children with emotional and behavioural problems.

The arrangement will be reviewed after a month. The council said the mea-sures meant the school was meeting its legal responsibility to support the 13-year-old. Teachers had been refusing to teach the teenager because of his long record of causing trouble and violence.

Influx of foreign boarders revives fee-paying schools

INDEPENDENT schools declared an end to their own recession yesterday as an influx of foreign boarders and a boom in private education for , strongest growth, with 7.4 per the under-fives produced the first rise in pupils since 1991. About a quarter of boarders now come from overseas.

The annual census by the Independent Schools Information Service, whose members educate 80 per cent of feepaying pupils, showed the sector's share of the total school population continuing to fall. But strong growth in day pupils led to a 0.6 per cent increase on last year's numbers.

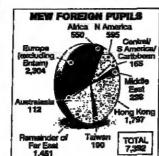
Independent schools registered a rise of 3,000 pupils despite another fall in boarding numbers. Only the recruitment of 9.3 per cent more foreign pupils cushioned the decline in boarding. Hong Kong and other parts of the Far East are the main recruiting grounds but the biggest increase, of almost a third, was in students from else-

where in Europe. The 7,392 new pupils from overseas brought the total to more than 20,000. The influx, which will produce some £200 million in foreign currency earnings, meant that the 3.5 per cent drop in overall boarding was the smallest for five years. A third successive increase in the number of day

pupils more than compensated. More girls than boys joined the sector. The preschool age groups showed the

cent more pupils than in 1995. The survey showed total pupil numbers in Isis schools rising to 464,990, almost 8 per cent of the English school population. Although the in-crease is yet to work through to secondary schools, sixthform numbers have already recovered. With many overseas pupils coming straight to A-level courses, the 77,600 sixth-formers represented an

increase of almost 3 per cent. David Woodhead, the director of Isis, said the recovery indicated a return of the "feelgood factor" among parents. Over the last two years, we have recorded a steady recovery from a long and damaging recession, but lack of confidence was clearly holding many people back from mak-



ing a commitment to paying school fees. I believe we can now be confident that the recovery is sustained and well-

Mr Woodhead said confidence had also returned to the schools themselves, which invested more than £250 million in new buildings and improvements over the past year. At £551 per pupil, the figure was 10 per cent up on 1995.

Average fee increases came out 0.6 per cent higher than last year at 4.8 per cent. Nick Lewis the chairman of the Independent Schools Bursars' Association, said the rise was likely to be between 5 and 6 per cent in the coming year.

The number of pupils receiving help with fees also rose to over 28 per cent. More than 132,000 pupils were given some assistance, the bulk of the money coming from trust funds set up by the schools

Mr Woodhead said the schools would have to find even more money if Labour won the next election and carried out its threat to abolish the Assisted Places Scheme for children from poor families. Roy Chapman, the headmaster of Malvern College, said schools were setting up a "defensive ring" in preparation, either planning smaller intakes or changing their



Hyde Park's rock of ages

held at Hyde Park in London this summer - scene of legendary free events with the Rolling Stones and Pink

Floyd over two decades ago. The expected crowd of 150,000 will pay £8 to see the Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and Alanis Morissette on Saturday, June 29. The re-formed Who will also perform Quadrophenia at the Master-

Touted as the biggest rock concert of the year, it is timed for the eve of the final at Wembley of the Euro 96 football championship and is the main event of this year's National Music Festival

Announcing the plans yesterday. Pete Townshend of the Who said the band's rock opera Quadrophenia would

against a backdrop of video Ringo Starr, will play with the

vous about the reunion: "It's a bit like looking forward to going to the dentist. It's good once you've done it."

Rebels challenge 'stuffy' horse clubs

A CHALLENGE to the British equestrian establishment was mounted yesterday with the launch of a riding group that aims to counteract the sport's

"elitist" image.
Sarah Sandland formed
UK Riders three months after resigning as director of the British Horse Society's national network of riding clubs. Miss Sandland, 40, who

once worked for the British Showjumping Association. aims to recruit 100,000 members by the year 2000. The society, Britain's largest horse Queen as its patron, has 65.000 members. "There are an awful lot of people who love riding but have the perception that riding clubs are run by retired army officers and ladies in tweed skirts," Miss Sandland said.

They may be intimidated because they don't know all the correct riding terms and we are aiming to provide a

relaxed atmosphere for people to enjoy riding as a hobby."
The society, which celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. is the umbrella body for the riding establishment. Horse trials, dressage and carriagedriving competitions are overseen by its officials. The society already faces breakaway movements from the horse trials and dressage committees, which want to run their own sports.

Dismissing the allegation of elitism, the society said it represented ordinary riders through its network of 417 riding clubs. "I would strongly counteract the accusation of elitism," Nichola Gregory, a society spokeswoman, said: Our members are mostly women and many more than half are earning less than the national average. Of course we have members who have their own land and many horses, but they are a tiny

images, scenery, slides and subtitles. Zak Starkey, son of the former Beatles drummer

by The Times and produced by Roger Daltrey, the Who's singer, admitted he was ner-Ace Publications in Glasgow contained advice already published by the board, retyped on eight sides of A4 paper. The document was full of grammatical and spelling mistakes. David Sieff, the board's

> the law, they were unfairly taking advantage of smaller charities, which did not have a big infrastructure or many paid advisers of their own. "Our message to smaller charities is, if you want advice,

chairman, said that, although, he did not think the so-called

lottery advisers were breaking

then ring us," he said.

Mr Sieff was speaking at the launch of the board's thirdround of lottery grants, which is aimed at groups working in the health and medical sectors. The first two rounds focused on poverty and youth.

"Among those who stand to benefit are groups which tackle the special health problems caused by low income; those providing information and support for people with disabilities; those which help carers by giving them breaks or

Mr Hornsby denied reports that the board was setting a maximum cap of £500,000 per grant, but emphasised that applicants should be realistic. Over half the grants were for less than £35,000."

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reporters of smear story

A TORY backbencher told the High Court yesterday that a journalist who is now Tony Blair's press secretary conducted a campaign to destroy his reputation.

Rupert Allason said that Alastair Campbell set out to damage him by publishing an article that amounted to a malicious falsehood. Mr Campbell was in charge of a team of "very experienced" political correspondents for the Daily Mirror who, Mr Allason said, fabricated a story suggesting that 50 MPs had signed an early day motion [EDM] in the House of Commons challenging him to give the Maxwell pensioners £250,000 — an exaggerated figure - that he had won from the newspaper in libel

Mr Allason, MP for Torbay, who writes spy non-fiction under the pseudonym Nigel West, claims that it was a Mirror journalist who drafted the motion, canvassed support for its publication on the Labour back benches and invented the newspaper arti-cle. The article, published in

was "very short but, remarkably, was untrue in almost every respect. Mr Aliason, who is conducting his own case, told Mr Justice Drake: "Despite its gravity, this article was wrong in that there was no challenge, certainly no challenge from 50 MPs, and there had not been damages of

For a backbencher to be singled out as the subject of personal criticism by so many MPs on the first day of an early day motion was "extraordinary to the point of being unprecedented". The action was designed to cause mischief and heap opprobri-

6 Over a long period, Alastair Campbell has been antagonistic towards Rupert Allason 9

Tory MP accuses Mirror

The libel damages referred to had been exaggerated by £50,000 in the article.

a quarter of a million pounds.

There was a draft early day motion circulating in the Commons that Thursday evening but it did not come into effect until much later, on Friday morning. Thus the article was wrong in three significant

respects.
"Indeed the Mirror jumped the gun in another very important respect. When the EDM was published the next day, it contained only seven signaHe is suing Mr Campbell, Mirror Group Newspapers and another journalist, Andy McSmith, now of The Observer, for malicious falsehood, and asking for aggravated damages and an undertaking not to repeat the words.

Mr Campbell, who left his post as political editor of the Mirror to become an executive for the now defunct Today newspaper before working for Mr Blair, is expected to give evidence in the four-day hearing. Mr Allason told the court

by the Mirror, dating back to October 1991, when he made a public attack on the late newspaper proprietor Robert Maxwell and the Mirror's foreign news editor, Nicholas Davies, Maxwell issued proceedings against him and attacked him in a frontpage story under the headline Dishonourable men and dirty tricks".

The MP said that evidence

of the newspaper's prejudice was contained in a letter signed by Joe Haines, a senior executive and former leader writer on the Mirror, in which he said: "Dear Mr Allason, I regard you with the utmost contempt. Rather than apologise to you for your wickedness, I'll see you in Hell first." Maxwell died, Mr Davies was sacked and the MP's counterclaim for libel was settled with a statement in open court. The article at the centre of the dispute was published four days later. Mr Allason complained that he had lost financially. He was negotiating a contract said to be worth \$75,000 to write the history of

a New York-based security



Alastair Campbell, left, now Tony Blair's press secretary, led a malicious campaign, claims Rupert Allason

company. The contract fell through.

Mr Allason said: "Mr Campbell was very close to Robert Maxwell, took his death very badly, and over a long period since the original contribution has been antagonistic towards the plaintiff,

ror to attack him. The MP also claims malice on the part of top Mirror Group management. He said that David Montgomery, the chief executive, had falsely assured him in a letter that an investigation into the allegations had been

carried out by a senior director

no foundation in his complaints. This was obviously intended to fob him off, he

The Mirror Group says that Mr Allason's complaint was settled at an early stage with a correction and apology. It denies malice and says that the MP suffered no pecuniary

damage. Charles Gray, QC, counsel for the Mirror, told Mr Allason he realised that nobody would take any interest in the case "unless you were calling the press secretary to the Leader of the

Opposition a liar".
The hearing hearing continues

Bupa to reward healthy lifestyle

By Dominic Kennedy

BUPA is to overhaul its business strategy to fend off fierce competition in the private health care market.

Customers will be offered loyalty bonuses to spend on healthy activities such as joining fitness clubs, having medical screening or buying extra policies. Bupa said yesterday that it will also enter the longterm care market.

The company is preempting an imminent алnouncement by the Department of Health, which is expected to require individuals to insure themselves for the first three years of nursing home bills in return; for the State paying their costs

Bupa customers will also hospital for treatment and will have to select from an approved list of 150. Analysts said this would polarise the country's private hospitals, with the most expensive units moving to cater almost exclusively for the rich and foreigners while others look after the middle and working classes.

Bupa's reforms have been prompted by undercutting of its prices as general insurance companies have entered the health market.

More pets suffering neglect by owners

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

MORE horses and domestic pets are being neglected, often by owners who bought on impulse without being pre-pared to look after them, the RSPCA said yesterday.

The society also called for a national dog registration and microchipping scheme which would make it easier to trace irresponsible owners.

Cases of neglect rose from 1,541 in 1994 to 1,648 in 1995, and accounted for three quarters of all convictions for cruelty to animals, the RSPCA said in its annual report. However, convictions for acts of cruelty — involving neglect, beating or other physical attacks - dropped from 2,503 in 1994 to 2,201 last year.

Richard Davies, the soci-What is depressing is that 75 per cent of these convictions were for completely unnecessary negligence. People are still going out and buying going out and buying animals on impulse without thinking about the cost, time and commitment required to

look after them. Dogs remain the main victims of cruelty. The symptoms of neglect seen by inspectors included starvation, worm and flea infestation and injuries left untreated.

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Soccer fans urge Germany to return World Cup ball

FOOTBALL fans hungry for a return to the glory days of 1966 have launched a hunt for a symbol of sporting triumph and appealed to Germany: Please can we have our ball

Like the Holy Grail, the ball with which England defeated West Germany in the World Cup Final has been invested with a mystic significance. Had it stayed here, the fans believe, England's performances might have earned more international success over the past 30 years.

For years the Germans de-nied any knowledge of the ball. But now the selfconfessed thief has started a new mystery by claiming that he has no idea of the ball's

whereabouts today.

The ball with which England scored their victory was snatched up at the end of the game by a West German player. Stung by the humiliation of defeat. Helmut Haller



Haller: snatched ball as final whistle went

denied the prize to Geoff Hurst, whose hat-trick gave him the right to keep the ball after England's 4-2 win.

Herr Haller, who scored West Germany's first goal, kept an eye on the referee at the end of extra time to see when he would blow the whistle. When the game fin-

Gottfried Dienst, the Swiss referee, saw the theft and instructed him to hand back the ball. "I replied 'nein' and raced off to the dressing room," the former striker said.

The trophy went missing after he lent it to businessmen in his home town of Augsburg. Bavaria, while he went to play for Juventus.

Haller, 56, who runs a sports shop in Augsburg, said: "I had the ball of the 1966 final only a few months. After the tournament many businessmen in my home town asked me to present it in their shops. "I returned to Italy and saw

the ball never again. This makes me sad because it was the greatest souvenir I ever had. Today, nearly 30 years later, I get sometimes requests from England if I would like to give the ball for a donation for a good purpose, a charity auction. Now I would do it.

Total Football, a soccer

young fans who know little of their national team's real glory days, has launched a campaign urging the German Government to find and return England's treasure. It is urging readers to lobby the German Ambassador.

Geoff Hurst said he had

magazine popular among

asked Haller to return the ball when they met at a function years after the 1966 final. "I said he should give it back, but he refused," the veteran

Sir Bobby Charlton, also a member of the victorious England team, was surprised that the former German striker

had bothered to grab the ball at the end of the game. "Under those circumstances, had we lost, I wouldn't have wanted the bloody thing," he said.
"By tradition it should have

gone to Geoff and it is sad that it didn't. Whether possession of the ball would have changed England's fortunes at .

Geoff Hurst scoring the goal that sealed England's victory. His hat-trick gave him the right to keep the ball

international level. I would not like to say. Nevertheless, it would be good if we had

There was such excitement when we won that none of us. noticed the ball was missing. It was one hell of a day."

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hi-tech to catch a global audience By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent less about being laddish and THE logos on the kits of top English football clubs are drinking Pils." Ten years ago the old First

Football shirts go

being taken over by high-tech companies as the new affluent breed of football fan changes the face of our national game. More than half the Premiership clubs kicking off next season will have the logo of a computer or electronics firm on their shirts. Brewers will be less in evidence.

Packard Bell, the American home-computing company, will join names such as JVC Sharp and Hewlett Packard on Premiership shirts after signing a sponsorship deal worth about £4 million with Leeds United.

ball officials said the deal was part of an unstoppable trend, ending more than 100 years of football's working-class, beer-

Jamie Muir, managing director of Packard Bell, said: 'High-tech companies need to find a vehicle by which their brand becomes widely recognised. It is a portent."

Graham Mackrell, club secretary at Sheffield Wednesday, which like Southampton is sponsored by Sanderson Electronics, said: The type of people going to football are more affluent. The demographics of the sport are going up all the time ... It is

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Division reflected football's traditional and often local roots in trades such as decorating. Ipswich was spon-sored by Radio Orwell and Luton by Bedford Vans. But those links are being cast aside as big business and marketing opportunities from English matches beamed

worldwide take hold: The Leeds deal means that during the 1996-97 season companies will sponsor 60 per cent of the clubs.



Sign of the times: Aston Villa's Dwight Yorke

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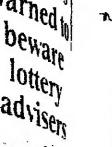
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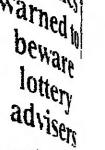
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No young doctor would have been any more likely to appear in theatre with a forelock poking out from under his surgical cap than a soldier would have dared go on parade with a dirty cap badge, since RSM Brittain was reputed to have the loudest voice in the British Army. There was a difference in the two offences, however, for whereas a dirty cap badge demonstrated only an illdisciplined trooper, strag-gling hair might drip organisms on to an open wound and would cause im-

mediate problems.

Sister Monk's language, if she had seen the Princess of Wales's hair peeping out from beneath her cap, might well have made Mr Brittain blush, for it is unlikely that a theatre sister would have been any more polite to a young royal than were sergeant-majors to their troops. However, as the Princess of Wales presumably didn't touch the patient, or the operating staff, she might not have been sent out of the theatre ignominiously to scrub up and change but might have been let off with a verbal roasting as she was ordered to cover the danger-

When asepsis - the creation of a bacteria-free environmeni — replaced an

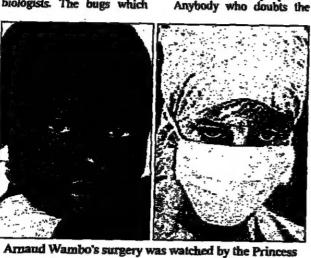


Dr Thomas Stuttaford

tiseptic fine spray in operating theatres, the aim was to achieve an atmosphere from which micro-organisms were excluded. Doctors and nurses in the theatre wear sterile gowns, caps and masks. They scrub their hands just as carefully as a soldier cleans his boots, and put on sterile gloves carefully so that the uncovered hand doesn't touch any part of the glove that will come into contact with patients.

Rings are regarded with particular disfavour by micro-biologists. The bugs which

can be grown in the labor-atory from the skin beneath a wedding ring would shock those who worry about cleanliness. The value of the surgical mask has been questioned, but research has shown that its effectiveness is undermined only if it is not changed often enough and becomes waterlogged from prolonged breathing or a dripping nose. To be useful the mask must cover the nose and mouth. The affectation of wearing one under, rather than over, the nose defeats its purpose.



organisms that treat the hair their natural habitat should study the distribution of infected acne on a sufferer's face. However often these towever well medicated their shampoo, angry spots devel-op in those places where dust and bugs shed from the hair settle. The spots therefore form along the forehead, below the hairline and on the cheeks. When people don't brush their hair back, it acts like a thatched roof and, just as water drips from its eaves and falls to the ground, so the debris from hair with its organisms falls on the face, or if the person is bending over an operating table, on to the

The boy whose heart operation was observed by the Princess of Wales sat up in hospital yesterday. Arnaud Wambo, 7, who had surgery for a hole in his heart, is making a good recovery at Harefield Hospital, London.

Hans Murmann, who will care for Arnaud until he is well enough for the journey bome to Cameroon, praised the Princess for her interest in the boy's welfare. Less kind commentators have accused her of mounting a publicity stunt by attending the opera-tion with a camera crew from Sky Television.

Mr Murmann, 58, said the Princess had a genuine interest in the charity Chain of Hope, which brought Arnaud to Britain for surgery, per-formed free by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub.



Stefanie Powers and her husband outside the High Court yesterday after she received undisclosed damages

Actress accepts payout for Sun libel

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE American actress Stefanie Powers received an apology in open court yesterday from The Sun over a defamatory article that caused her "grave

The star of the long-running ITV series Hart to Hart was at the High Court in London to collect more than £70,000 in undisclosed damages and an estimated E30,000 in legal costs agreed in an out-of-

The newspaper had wrongly published allegations that she had sexually harassed and assaulted a former male

employee. It was further alleged that she was an alcoholic and had made threats against the employee's life.

George Carman, QC, her counsel, said: These allegations which were made in the article were entirely without foundation which the defendant now accepts." Miss Powers had flown into London from her home in Kenya where she is president of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation. She was accompanied by her husband, Patrick de la Chesnais.

Outside court she said she pursued the action because the story had been picked up by newspapers around the world and repeated as fact. She said she was especially distressed that the delamation should have happened in England where she has a home and has always been treated well by the public and press. Her greatest distress had been that the allegations were read by her husband's family, especially his grandmother.

"These are not things that made it a pleasure to have to go back and try to explain to them," she said. "We are very relieved to have all this behind us. It has been II months now. It has been extremely upsetting to all of us, especially to my husband's family." She said the allegations were clearly the work of an extremely disgruntled human being".

RCN annual congress

Nurses refuse to back boxing ban

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

in its pay dispute last year. Sylvia Thomas told the con-gress that the review body had

served nurses well for the first

1) years but had failed them in

the last two. "It has betrayed

our trust. This year's recom-

mendations for a 2 per cent rise with local supplements

has set nurse against nurse, doctor against doctor, hospital against hospital.

June Clarke, former presi-

dent of the college, cautioned against dispensing with what was still the best available

system for determining pay. We fought for it in the 1980s

and we should fight for it now

to keep it and change it."
In a speech to health man-

agers in London yesterday.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health

-NURSES rejected a ban on boxing yesterday, opening a split within the medical prolession. The Royal College of Nursing said that a ban would be an unreasonable infringethe best way to protect boxers was to allow the sport to continue with safeguards.

The surprise decision, carried by a large majority at the college's annual congress in Bournemouth, sets nurses apart from doctors whose professional body, the British Medical Association, has called for a ban since 1982. Nurses, debating the issue for

NURSES accused their pay review body yesterday of sac-rificing its independence to implement the Government's

policy on local pay. By a margin of nine to one, mem-

bers of the college's annual

congress condemned the re-

view body for behaving "like a

puppet on a string that dances

to the Government's tune". They resisted calls, how-

ever, for a withdrawal from

the pay-setting mechanism. which has been in place since 1983. The review body, a committee of seven appointed

by the Government, was set,

up to take the heat out of

annual pay negotiations.

The body was awarded to

nurses in return for their com-

mitment not to take industrial

action, a commitment that

was overturned by the college

Salary body 'like a

puppet on a string'

By JEREMY LAURANCE

the first time, argued that a a former boxer in the Army. ban would do more harm than said that to call for a ban good by driving the sport underground. The congress would be "self-righteous and sanctimonious". Deaths among was told that boxing has professional boxers were "very few" compared with those in caused, 500 deaths among, rugby, parachutin and motor sport. ers since 1884, when the Queensbury Rules were intro-"This is a choice entered into duced, and that 15 professional boxers had died since 1945.

by two consenting adults," Mr Hayward said. "Boxing is not Medical associations in the health and their bodies. How United States, Canada, Ausmany fat and out-of-condition tralia and Scandinavia have opposed boxing and profesbusiness executives drop dead sional boxing has been banned in Sweden since 1969. on the squash court chasing a little rubber ball around? Mike Hayward, a coronary Should we ban squash?" care nurse in Portsmouth and

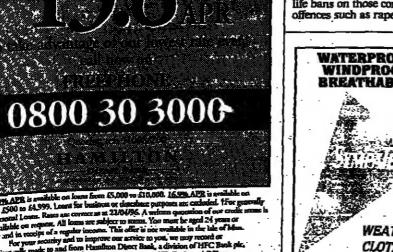
Mike Walsh, a nurse in Cumbria, said there had been 15 deaths in the past two years on the Lakeland fells but that was not a reason to ban hill walking. "I'm against boxing but banning it would be a serious mistake. It would drive it underground. If you want to protect the health of boxers, keep it legal."

Brian Kay, a nurse at the high-security Ashworth psy-chiatric hospital on Merseyside, who has cared for a brain-damaged boxer, urged the college to join the BMA in opposing boxing. "Is it really acceptable in a modern civilised society to promote and idolise one individual for his ability to perpetrate a violent assault upon his fellow?"

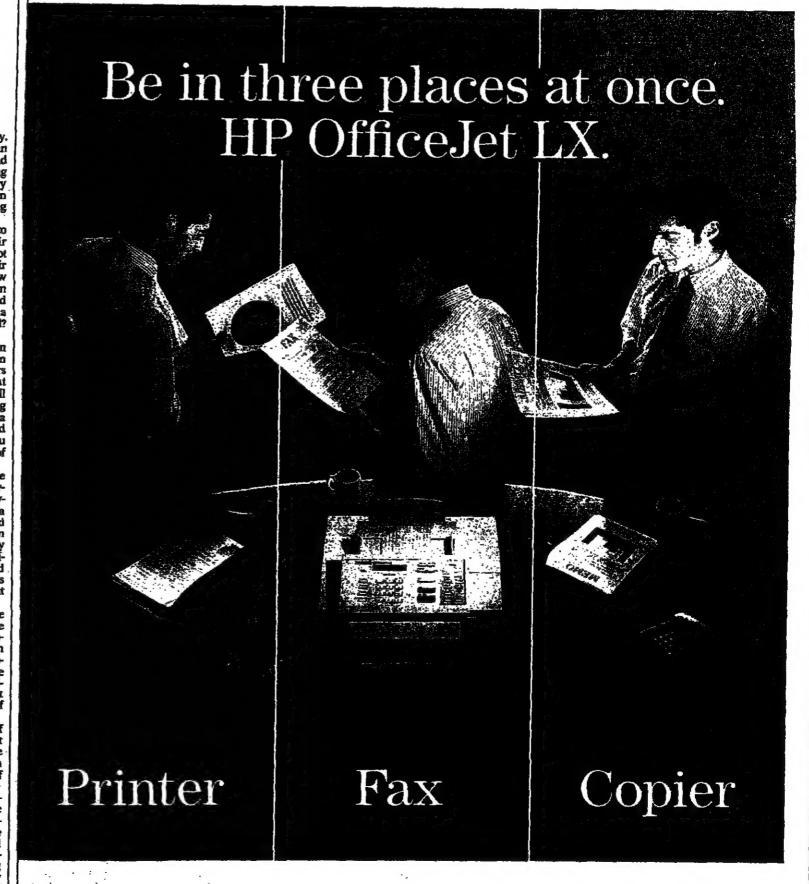
Mr Kay, chairman of the Society for Nursing People with a Disability, who proposed the motion, said: "When you consider the obscene rewards paid to encourage some people to engage in this activity, is this really free will? Is it not the most cynical form of

exploitation?" Sue Jones, of the Society of Paediatric Nursing, said: At the very least the college should lobby for a ban on boxing before the age of

Nurses struck off after committing serious crimes may be permanently barred from retheir careers. The United Kingdom Central Council on Nursing, the disciplinary body, is considering changing its policy to allow offences such as rape.







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'I loved my wife. She was beautiful. When I see her I can't believe it is the same woman'

Coma victim's husband tells of family in grief

By Gillian Bowditch Scotland Correspondent

THE husband of a coma patient in Scotland's first right-to-die case has spoken of his love for his wife and of the strain that the court battle to allow her to die has placed on his family.

A court will decide today on

the fate of Janet Johnston, 53, who has been in a persistent vegetative state in Law Hospital. Strathelyde, for four years after taking an overdose. Doctors, supported by her family, have asked the Scottish courts in allow them to stop feeding her, which would lead to her death through dehydration within a formight.

A final decision in the case was expected yesterday but an 11th-hour intervention by lawyers representing Mrs Johnsion's interests led to a further delay. Lord Cameron of Lochbroom will now give his

decision inday. The delay left Mrs Johnston's husband close to tears. "I don't understand. It just adds to the strain." The retired butcher has received distressing letters from people op-posed to euthanasia. One said: "If you do not show love and mercy to your wife, you will not receive any love or mercy." Mr Johnston, of Allanton. Strathclyde, said: "Things are



anti-euthanasia letters

difficult enough without these. Some are supportive but others are not. Whatever happens I want everyone to know I love

my wife.
"I just want her to die in peace and with dignity. Thank God Janet will soon be at rest. The hospital staff have done a lot for her. I don't want them to get into trouble if they stop feeding her. I don't want doctors or any of the staff prosecuted or anything like

that. That would be wrong. That's why it went to the courts in the first place and I don't want to see other people's lives ruined because of this decision. People have got euthansia. Some people will say I'm doing the right thing and others won't, but it's the

family's decision.
"Janet would have wanted to die. I think she would have done the same for me. We talked about a lot of things when we were younger. We made our own choices.

There is so much that Janet

has missed or doesn't know. She doesn't know what her grandchildren look like, she hasn't cuddled the youngest one. She doesn't know that our son Derek, 24, died three years ago of a brain haemorrhage. I have been in hospital myself. It could be me in there if circumstances had been different. I'm tired of waiting for a verdict. It's been going on for a long time and it's causing pain to the whole family.

"I loved my wife very much. She was beautiful. When I see her now, I can't believe it is the same woman. I don't visit her as often as I should, I just find it too painful."

Mr Johnston, who has been married for 33 years, explained what happened on the day she took the overdose. The day she was taken ili i had been in hospital for a check-up. When I came back she was fine and I went into the kitchen to make tea. When I came back I discovered that

She had to take a lot of medication for her asthsma. I intentional or an accident, l called the ambulance straight away and she walked to it and seemed fine." His wife became seriously ill at the hospital. however, and slid into the coma from which she has never responded to stimuli.

The case, the first of its kind in Scotland, has taken eight months and has been heard by five of Scotland's most senior judges. They ruled that Lord Cameron could make a final decision in the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

The case will set a precedent in Scotland but will not give doctors freedom to stup treating coma patients who are unlikely to recover. The court has ruled that cases must be considered individually by the

Court of Session. Yesterday Colin McEach-ran, QC, for the Curator appointed to look after Mrs Johnston's interests, told Lord Cameron: "In a world where the frontiers of medical science are never closed, the Curator suggests the court should prefer that life continues to the certainty of death if treatment is removed." He added that there were people who had been in a coma for months who had recovered.



Janet and Peter Johnston when she was 35. "I want her to die with dignity"

NEWS IN BRIEF 14 years' jail for knife rampage

paged through a housing es-tate slashing bystanders with a knife, was jailed yesterday for 14 years. He claimed he was hunting a gang that had been harassing him.

He left two teenagers and a bus driver scarred. Southwark Crown Court, southeast London, was told. One victim needed 50 stitches. Another's cheek was cut from his ear to his mouth.

Rowe admitted three charges of wounding, carried out near his home in Poplar. east London, within a few minutes. The victims were black but Judge Butler accepted there was no racial motive.

Asylum cases cut

The number of people seeking political asylum in Britain has fallen by more than 20 per cent in the two months since curbs on benefits were introduced to discourage bogus asylum seekers. The move followed a big increase in applications.

Girl in 999 crash

A girl aged 10 is in intensive care after her father's car was in collision with a police car answering a 999 call in Exeter. Karen Randhawa , whose brother and sister were also passengers, suffered head

Chain reaction

A chain-mail coat worn by a 15th-century sultan of the Mameluke Empire sold for a record £243,500 to an anonymous bidder at Christie's in London vesterday, the highest price yet paid for an item of Islamic armour or weaponry.

MP recovers

Seamus Malion, deputy leader of the SDLP, was released from hospital after fainting at his London home five days ago during a radio phone-in. Mr Mallon, 59, MP for Newry and Armagh, was treated at St Thomas's Hospital.

Nightclub lock-in

An 18-year-old girl was locked in a nightclub for 38 hours after falling asleep in a lava-tory cubicle. She was freed by firemen who cut through shull ters at the club in Norton, Co Durham, after a boy heard her shouts on Monday night.

Mutant genes blamed for a fifth of ovarian cancers

By NIGEL HAWKES

GENETIC defects may be responsible for a fifth of cases of ovarian cancer, the American Association for Cancer Research has been told.

Dr Donald Black, of the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research in Glasgow, told the meeting in Washington DC that gene mutations were likely to prove a more common cause of the disease than previously suspected.

It was believed that 5 to 10 per cent of ovarian cancer cases were attributable to genes, including two original-

patients, BRCAI and BRCA2. But new evidence was forcing researchers to think again.

"Genetic susceptibility may be responsible for a far higher frequency of ovarian cancer than we believed," Dr Black said. One problem with assessing the importance of the genes was that they were unpredictable. The same mutant gene may trigger the disease in one woman while sparing her forebears.

Dr Jeffrey A. Boyd, of the University of Pennsylvania. reported an analysis of the BRCA2 gene in 130 women with ovarian cancer. While he

appeared to be responsible for at least 5 per cent of ovarian cancers, victims with the gene typically had no clear family story of that malignancy.

When the inborn flaws that triggered ovarian cancer were tracked down "the number may be as high as 20 per cent for all genetic predisposition". When the genes functioned

properly, they produced proteins that prevented cancer. That meani, Dr Black said. that it should be possible for drug companies to produce synthetic molecules with the same function.

Stock answers for a slimmer Britain

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of experts has taken three years to decide that the way to prevent humans becoming fat is to have thinner cows and sheep. People should also consider removing the skin before eating chicken.

The long-awaited report of the Nutrition Task Force, searching for ways to reduce obesity by the next century, suggests leaner livestock, more cooking lessons in schools and a network o "community cafés" providing healthy meals for the poor. It has already produced guidelines for healthier hospi tal food. Although the team is being disbanded, it will live on in the form of an annual conference on diet and nutrition that the Department agreed to hold.

The panel of nutritionists, civil servants and representatives from the food industry was forbidden by the Govern-ment from considering whether benefit payments were high enough to afford a healthy diet. Income Support for a child under II is about £16 a week.

One of the more concrete proposals in its report is that fat entering the food chain should be reduced by breeding leaner farm animals and feeding them diets to keep them slim.

The Meat and Livestock Commission is using new technology and genetics to reduce the fatness of cattle and sheep without losing the taste of meat. Beef and veal contribute 3.5 per cent of fat in the nation's diet. There have been small reductions in the fatness of cattle and sheep over the past 12 years and these are expected to continue

provides 2.7 per cent of the nation's fat but there is little room to make chickens, turkeys, ducks or geese any leaner. They are already bred as a low-fat healthy option with tightly controlled feeding systems.

The panel recommends that customers should be told that most poultry fat is in the skin. The poor have the worst diets and are more likely to die of cancer and other nutrition-related disease

Poor families cannot afford to travel to out-of-town supermarkets offering healthier options and have to rely on discount stores and frozen food shops. the panel says. Wholemeal bread, lean meat and fruit are too expensive, even when mothers go without meals so that they can feed their families.

The panel, prevented from recommending that giving the poor more money was a solution, suggests they should shop in street markets. The community cales are proposed alongside "local food partnerships", which involve councils taking healthy products by van to deprived estates.

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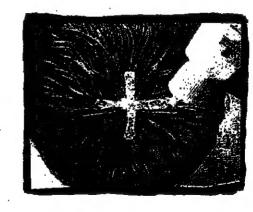
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The Tory leadership should confront Sir James Goldsmith. The

It's time to take

threat seriously

GORDON BROWN accused accountancy firms yesterday of spreading "rumours and lies" about Labour's tax plans.

In a thinly disguised swipe at Clare Short and John Prescott, who have suggested that taxes might rise under Labour, the Shadow Chancellor insisted that he - and only he — would announce the party's plans when the time was right.

Several accountancy firms have held seminars recently advising their clients on how to avoid higher taxes under Labour, Mr Brown told a business conference in London: "In the last few weeks we have seen dossiers full of idle gossip, uninformed rumour, inaccurate information and Conservative lies about Labour and they have all been made with no access to Labour's budget thinking. People would be better gambling on the Lottery than on the random advice coming from some of these sources."

He said that some of the recent reports suggested that consultants were in the business of avoiding the truth as well as avoiding tax. "If in any other occupation peddling rumour and lies was the basis of advice, the authors would be sacked. Some of them are making money under false pretences and, with some of their advice, selling Britain

He had written to one such organisation recently pointing out 12 serious factual errors in a short document prepared for seminars round the country.

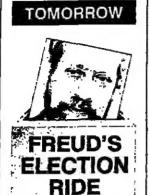
Yesterday a spokesman for KPMG, a large city accountancy firm that has held about 50 seminars on tax planning for the next election, refused to comment directly on Mr Brown's attack. He pointed out, however, that KPMG had not made forecasts but had

options. "The advice that we give is standard advice that you would get from any tax planning manual."

exploit the growing uncertainty over Labour's tax policies. Mr Brown repeated that he would make all his decisions in the light of economic circumstances. That is not Labour being vague but Labour being responsible," he said. "It is to reiterate what I have said consistently and repeatedly. that having set our principles and priorities, it is for the Shadow Chancellor to make our tax decisions in the light of all the economic circumstances, and that is the way it

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, said Labour's reticence simply showed that they had something to hide. "It is becoming increasingly apparent they are going to tax you more. If Mr Brown doesn't like it he has a simply remedy: he should publish the

tax plans and be damned." Labour was trying to create



Clement Freud in Harrogate

simply outlined hypothetical the impression that it had changed, but all the evidence was stacked against them. They won't say what their As the Tories sought to

plans are but they are slowly starting to come out as MP after MP and shadow spokesman after shadow spokesman confirms the instincts are to tax more," he said.

"I am grateful to Mr Brown because his outburst this morning simply helps to en-sure that Labour's tax plans and tax instincts will continue to be top news week in and Michael Jack, Financial Sec-

retary to the Treasury, added:

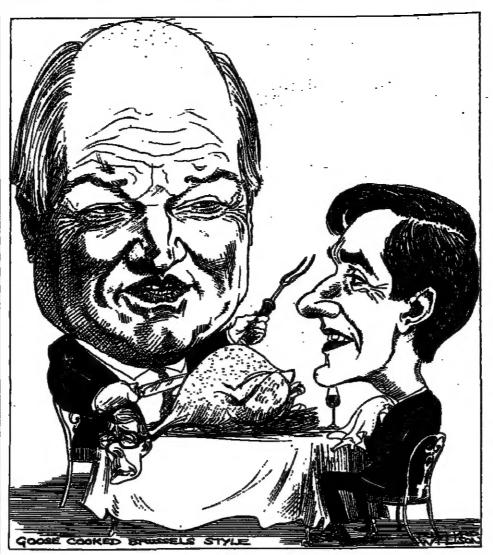
'Gordon Brown's extraordinary attack on the accounting profession can mean only one thing: Labour must have something to hide. The shrewd professionals of the accounting world have smoked Labour out. They know what a Labour govern ment would mean - more spending and higher taxes." Labour presented a night mare image yesterday of Brit ain under the Tories as a cross between Gulliver's Travels and King Kong. In the first of two party political broadcasts for next week's council elections, a giant Tory candidate was seen crushing houses and businesses as screaming vot-

ers escaped his huge feet. The black-and-white film depicts Britons living in fear, particularly of job insecurity. At one point, an office worker is seen hiding under her desk as the giant Tory peers

through her window. No politician appears in the broadcast, which is the first in a new genre that owes much to music videos and television advertisements. A voice-over by the actor Charles Dances says: "The Conservative Government has hit us where it hurts. It is time for us to hit

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Wealth and power catch 'classless' Britain's eye

BY ALICE THOMSON

THE Referendum Party. founded by the billionaire finanacier Sir James Goldsmith, has bought plutocratic politics back to Britain after six years of John Major's

The Dorchester Hotel has replaced Downing Street as the new centre of activity. Caviar and champagne rather than Diet Coke and ham sandwiches fuel the political machine, the corridors of power echo to the sound of room service and the air is flavoured with the best Havanas rather than cheap

Sir James, who already has

Prime Minister, has temporarily ensconsed himself in a suite of rooms on Park Lane until the decorators have finished his new town house.

The Dorchester's switchboard is jammed with calls from disaffected Tories, a few Labour MPs and newspaper editors. John Redwood's office is in touch. Baroness Thatcher is a firm admirer as are Lord McAlpine, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and Alan Clark. Sharply dressed aides hang around the lobby wielding mobile phones and directing a stream of gifts and flowers.

Whereas Conservative Central Office had an overdraft of £11.5 million last year, Sir James has more than £20 million to spend on the campaign and another £700 mil-

lion in the coffers. He aiready has 30 aides working for his party. More than 2,000 people have app-lied to be parliamentary candidates. So far 400 have been

Sir James, 65, has been careful to pace himself. He gave only one interview last year. Early this year he advertised his party's aims in four broadsheet newspapers. This month he began to step up the essure with a television interview each Sunday.

At first his foray into politics appeared a pastime for a rich man bored with business. But with 23,000 people calling The Sun yesterday to pledge their support it seems that he has caught the imagination of "elassless" Britain.

Michael Gove, page 18 Leading article, page 19

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current mix of appeasement and benign neglect is allowing him to flourish and get away powers of the EU, and the European Court, to which the with exaggerations and half-Tory sceptics object, are inherent in the Treaty of Rome and Sir James has struck a in Britain's original decision to popular chord of disenchantjoin, approved by Parliamen ment with the European in 1972 Of course, monetary Union. The fisheries and beef union would mark a big step nowards political union but rows have provided a focus for this shift, underlined the Government has already by the anti-Brussels stances promised a referendum on taken this week by The Sun and the Daily Express. The extent of Tory backbench dis-The type of questions sig

gested by Sir James and the sceptics — do you want a content was shown by the 66 Tories who yesterday support-Europe of nation states of a ed lain Duncan-Smith's ten-European superstates, a single minune rule Bill limiting the powers of the European Court common market or integra tion?, to be governed by West minster or Brussels? - may Sir James offers the aura of strong personal leadership, at times almost authoritarian in his disdain for elected MPs, as express popular feelings but they are imprecise, highly subjective and could not be translated into specific poliwell as a clear-cut solution, a cies: If, say, the vote was in "who governs Britain?" ballot. favour of a Europe of nation But both his political strategy states, would this mean veto and his underlying argument ing all new proposals or would are mistaken. Of course, there is a case for a referendum. But it also involve rolling back it is a constitutional absurdity existing integration and qualito set up a party which will solely exist to win an election hint of such a referendum and organise a referendum before dissoliving itself. Since this process would presummight break up the Government. The only valid question is the original 1975 one about whether Britain should re-main in or out of the EU. The ably take some months, what would its foreign policy be in the meantime? Would it faanswer would almost certainvour higher public spending ly be the same as then. and taxes? That is ridiculous

The Government has failed to expose the weaknesses in Sir James's position, and his longstanding non-Tory and anti-Commons now consists of free-trade views Instead, ministers sought to conciliate referendum and now hope that his threat will decline if he is ignored. But he is gaining in monetary union, as well as the influence, and press support, while disaffected Tories are having a free ride in dallying with Sir James. John Redwood is cleverly positioning himself as a peacemaker and candidate for a post-election leadership contest. But the Tories should treat Sir James as a political and electoral opponent rather than as a well-intentioned, but misguided, ally. He should be fought rather than humoured.

PETER RIDDELL

Candidate's criminal past

week's council elections once served six months in jail for conspiracy to murder his lov-

Party officials in Darlington, Co Durham, say they did know about Peter Jankowski's conviction years ago until it was disclosed during the campaign

than Currah. Mr Jankowski says he no longer wants to stand because "it's obviously going to drag the Tory Party down, bearing in mind they are the party of law and order". But it is too late to

and, of course, Sir James's aim

is to put pressure on the

In recent interviews Sir

James has argued that the

men of straw since sovereignty

has already been passed to

significance of the British opt-

outs on the single chapter and

inter-governmental discus-

sions of foreign and home

affairs policies. He talks as if

the British veto on further

integration can be overridden.

He is declaring defeat before

James's case is over the nature of the referendum. He argues

that the whole nature of the

Community, and now EU, has

changed since the 1975 referen-

dum, and what was simply a

free-trade area has developed

The central flaw in Sir

the battle has begun.

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withdraw from the May 2 poll. Mr Currah said: "If he had prepared to make it public knowledge I would not have said anything.'

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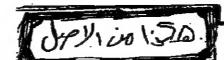
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Clinton abortion veto is attacked

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, named Irish-American of the Year only last month, as under attack from Irish-Americans on two fronts yesterday.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, America's largest Irish-Catholic group, with 100,000 members, withdrew an invitation to the President to attend its annual meeting in July because he vetoed Republican legislation banning a particularly controversial late-term abortion technique.
A coalition of 11 Irish-

American organisations simultaneously released a letter expressing "deep disappointment" at his failure to make US support for companies investing in Northern Ireland conditional on adherence to principles which encourage equal employment opportunities for Catholics and Protestants.

in an unusually strong attack on a head of state last week, the Vatican described "partial birth abortions", in which doctors partially deliver a foetus before crushing its skull, as "an incredibly brutal act of aggression".

On Monday, congres-sional Republicans invited evidence from Gianna Jessen, 19, who survived her mother's attempt to abort her as a 75month foetus but has cerebrai paisy as a result.

"I am the person that she aborted. I lived instead of died," she told a House committee. "I do not consider myself a byproduct of conception or a clump of tissue. I was as much a person when I was

aborted as I am today." Ms Jessen was born alive despite a saline injection but the abortionist was not in the clinic at that moment. A nurse sent her to a hospital where she was adopted. She said she forgave her real mother.



Jessen: she survived an attempt to abort her



From the left, the unrestored portrait donated by Mrs Flower, the death mask at Darmstadt; and a computer composite of the portrait donated by Lord Chandos and a 1623 engraving



dimension: the discovery of a

lump above the left eyebrow,

visible in both the restored

version of the Flower portrait

and the death mask. Professor

Jost Metz, a top German

dermatologist, has been con-suited and has established

that it must have been a three-

centimetre swelling indicative

of chronic inflammation, Doc-

tors disagree on the signifi-

cance of that bulge. Some say

it may be associated with the

cancerous Mikulicz's Syn-

drome, others believe it might

There is already a hint in

Leading article, page 19

Macbeth of the impending

controversy: "Your face, my thane, is as a book where men

May read strange matters."

have been a bone tumour.

Computer unmasks Bard's cancer

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

and Flower portraits were all

genuine, and that taken to-

gether they represent an accu-

rate picture of the playwright.

But she also found a strange

swelling in the left eye of the mask and the two portraits.

Doctor Wolfgang Lerche, a

leading German eye surgeon,

confirms that the bulge is a clear indication of Mikulicz's

Syndrome. This cancer of the

tear duct was relatively com-

mon in the 17th century and

could have contributed to

Shakespeare's death at the age

of 52. There are competing versions about the Bard's

death, the most popular being that he keeled over after a

The professor's speech to the

Shakespeare Society this week

will add yet another medical

drinking bout.

German police found five major points of agreement

between the Stratford bust

and the death mask; this is

remarkable 17 points of agree-

ment between the First Folio

engraving and two other por-

traits - one donated by Lord

Chandos to the National Por-

trait Gallery in the mid-19th

century, and another given by

Mrs Charles Flower to the

Royal Shakespeare Theatre

picture gallery in Stratford. "Police tell me that such a high

degree of agreement would be

enough to convict a criminal

in a court of law," the German

Professor Hammerschmidt-

Hummel argues that the

death mask and the Chandos

academic says.

The computer also found a

regarded as a good match.

Professor Hildegard Ham-merschmidt-Hummel, of Mainz University, has for years been trying to give Shakespeare back his face. Now, with the help of German detectives and top medical specialists, she has come up with a plausible version and an intriguing explanation for his death. The results will be presented at the German Shakespeare Society's annual conference this week and are sure to trigger controversy in Stratford-Upon-Avon and

STAND by for an academic

rumpus: the war of Shake-

speare's eye. Neatly timed to

coincide with the anniversary

of the poet's death, a German

researcher has come up with

fresh evidence bolstering her

case that Shakespeare suf-

fered from a rare form of cancer, lymphoma of the tear

gland.

Shakespearean scholarship. The starting point is the death mask, now on display in a Darmstadt museum. "I am now 100 per cent certain that the mask is that of Shakespeare," says the professor. British scholars believe it to be

throughout the world of

Professor Hammerschmidt-Hummel, however, argues that the mask - which has 1616, the year of Shakespeare's death, on it — was bought in London in 1775 by a nobleman from Mainz, Count Franz von Kesselstatt. The count brought the mask home. It subsequently disappeared from view, but was later found in an antique shop by a court painter. The mask survived wartime bombardment and was sold by the nainter's descendants in 1960

to the Darmstadt authorities. This week Professor Hammerschmidt-Hummel will present documentary proof that Count Kesselstatt was in London in 1775. German police computers, moreover, have bolstered her case.

There are two acknowledged authentic depictions of Shakespeare: a copper plate engraving in the First Folio of 1623, and a limestone bust in Stratford's Holy Trinity Church. Both were regarded as good likenesses by, among others, Ben Jonson. These serve as the professor's comparative base. Using facematching and video-splicing techniques normally em-

Puffy eyes are the clue

By Dr Thomas Stuttapord

SHAKESPEARE'S death mask does show features which could be compatible with a diagnosis of Mikulicz's Disease, sometimes known as Mikulicz's Syndrome.

Johannes von Mikulicz-Radecki, Professor of Surgery at Breslau University in the last quarter of the 19th century, described a chronic inflammatory condition of the tear glands and the parotid glands.

The parotid glands are the salivary glands which swell in

tear glands makes the eyes puffy and the lids appear halfmore of a nuisance than a disaster. It might be more accurate to say that when Shakespeare died, he was suffering from this disease rather than died from it.

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told him to kill 52'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KIRV

Ukrainian

says 'voice

FORESTER has admitted killing 52 people across Ukraine, claiming he was following an "inner voice". investigators said yesterday.

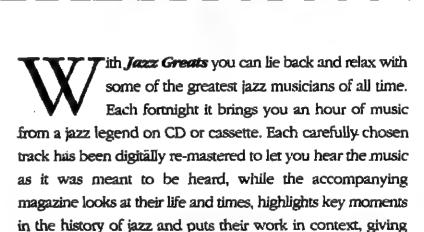
Anatoli Onoprienko, 36. was arrested last week on suspicion of the murders. which have shaken Ukrainians in recent months. About 42 of the killings were committed in the past four months, and in most cases entire families were killed. Ten of the victims were children.

An intensive investigation is under way, involving law enforcement bodies from across the country, a leading investigator in the case said.

"He talks about that 'inner voice." but then why did be also steat valuable goods from his victim?", the investigator. who spoke on terms of ano-

nymity, asked. Mr Onoprienko, in custody in a prison in Lvov, western Ukraine, is undergoing a psychological examination. He was arrested in a village near the Polish border on April 14 after a 34-month manhunt. Police discovered clothes, televisions and car keys from the victims' houses, as well as other evidence from the scenes

of the crimes. Aleksandr Yevashchenko, a senior investigator with Ukraine's Interior Ministry. said Mr Onoprienko admitted immediately to eight murders committed from 1989 to 1995, but initially denied the other killings. The suspect has not registered an official residence since 1988. He was deported from Austria in 1992 for not having a passport, and again from Germany last year. Ukraine has turned to Interpol for help in the investigation.



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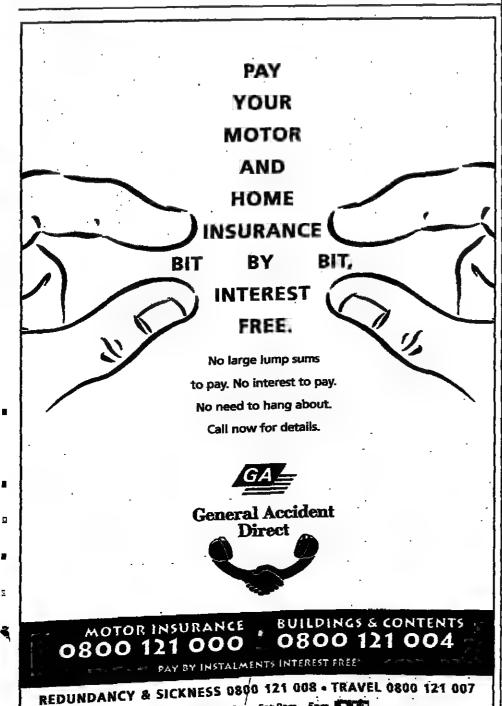
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Energetic Yeltsin makes comeback in opinion polls

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCO

paigning began in Russia's presidential elections, President Yeltsin has surged to the lead in opinion polls, overtaking Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader.

a man whose political future had been written off by many analysts because of his unpopularity and ill health, Mr Yeltsin, 65, polled nearly one percentage point higher than

The poll, conducted by the Institute for Social Comparative Research for the Moscow Times and CNN, showed that President Yeltsin was supported by 20.7 per cent of the 1,201 respondents questioned in cities and rural areas across Russia. Mr Zyuganov came a close second with 19.8 per cent. While the Communist leader's rating was virtually unchanged from an identical poll in March, the new ligures showed Mr Yeltsin boosting

FOR the first time since cam- his support by nearly seven percentage points. Other pollsters preparing new figures for release this month, confirmed that their results would show a similar trend.

The two front-runners were

still far ahead of the other presidential hopefuls: Grigori Yavlinsky, the leader of the liberal Yabloko party, came in a distant third with 6.5 per cent; followed by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist firebrand with 4.8 per cent: then General Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratroop commander with 4.7 per cent; followed by Svyatoslav Fyodorov, the eye surgeon, with 3.2 per cent; and finally Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, with just

The figures indicated that none of the candidates would be able to secure the 50 per cent needed to win outright in the June 16 poll and that a run-

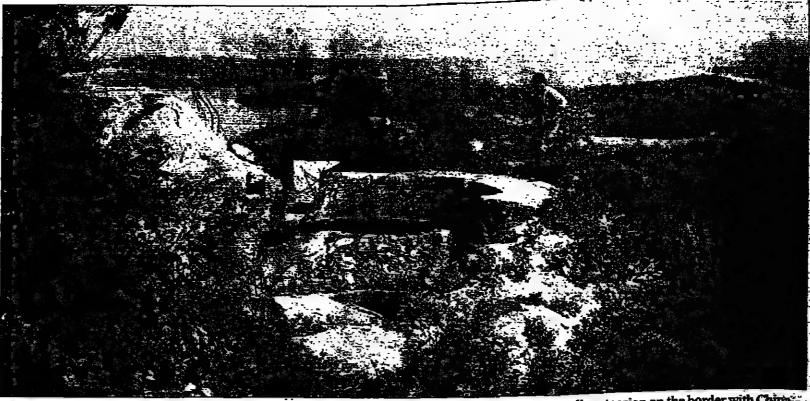
Yeltsin and Mr Zyuganov

Vladimir Andreyenkov, director of the research institute, attributed President Yeltsin's is stable. He has probably consolidated all his supporters and has little in reserve," the polister said. "But if Yeltsin does not make any big mistakes, he will continue to earn

would have to be held in July.

Although the Kremlin lead-er was still recuperating from a heart attack only four months ago, he has stunned observers by launching an energetic and well-planned campaign. He has managed to persuade voters, through a sympathetic media, that they have only two choices, which has virtually eliminated any serious challenge from a third

Using the vast resources of gone on a spending spree,



Russian border guards stand amid the ruins of a fort which was blown up last year in an attempt to relieve tension on the border with China

paying back wages to workers and promising huge govern-ment funding for everything from pensions to ailing factories and bankrupt farmers, He has also made a big effort to boost his public image. For two years he has been widely derided as reclusive and often drunken, manipulated by aides and unable to run the country. But he has given up

heavy drinking bouts, gone on

When we rescued

him we found

something even

exhausting campaign trips and brought popular mem-bers of his family, like his wife, Vaina, into the limelight.

Last weekend he sought to boost his role as a statesman when he hosted the summit of the Group of Seven main industrialised countries. whose leaders tacitly endorsed his re-election bid.

Analysts now believe that only two issues could seriously

dent his chances. The first is his heart condition. The other is the war in Chechenia, which he had hoped would calm down after his peace initiative last month. However, fighting has escalated and yesterday Badruddi Dzhamalkhanov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Moscow-installed Government, in an assassination attempt in the capital. Grozny. Big brother Peking brushes red carpet for humbled visitor

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

PRESIDENT Yeltsln arrives in China today to sign border agreements, define bilateral ties, sell some weapons, and be tactfully reminded that Peking, by retaining the power of the Communist Party. has kept China whole and

It is one of the ironies of international relations that Russia—or the former Soviet Union - once regarded in China as the advanced "elder brother" is now in economic and military eclipse and may be on the verge of re-establishing its Communist structure.
It is a further irony that, whereas China was once used as a card by Washington in its decades long manoeuvring against the Russians, now Mr Yeltsin, who has just conclud-ed several hours of talks in Moscow with President Clinton, has become a bargaining chip between Peking and

Sino-Russian specialists in Moscow and Peking speak openly of joint pressure on the Americans. Mr Yeltsin made the most of this on the eve of his departure from Moscow.

Between Russia and China-there are no problema of a political nature," he said. Mr

Yeltsin foresaw a Russian Chinese partnership in the next century .--

While both countries agreethat America's global "hege-mony" is undesirable, there will be neither real friendship nor an alliance. Although the Chinese once referred to Min. praise him for his cagerness to settle border questions which have hung over the two countries for two centuries, they will dislike his statement in Moscow on Monday - in the wake of his talks with Mr. Clinton - Hoking economics and democracy.
The Sino-Soviet alliance of

the 1950s is dead - and vanished too is the tivalry which disturbed the long bor giants from the 1960s until Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Peking in 1989, just before the Transnmen Square massacre.

During his three-day visit. Mr Yeltsin and three leaders from former Soviet states Tajikistan, Kirghizia and Kazakhstan, will sign agree-ments with the Chinese that the five countries will not

Fire hits Chernobyl zone

Tovsty Lis: Fire enguifed at least live villages within an exclusion zone around the Chernobyl nuclear power station yesterday during an annual visit to their abandoned

homes by evacuated residents. Firefighters were unable to establish the cause of the fire.

which broke out during this

year's first spell of warm

weather. They said the flames,

radiation readings soaring in the heavily contaminated 18mile zone round the plant.

Some of the 300 villagers who had come to see their: deserted apartments and tend graves in Tovsty Lis broke down hysterically as flames consumed entire apartment buildings and raced through fields and woods. (Reuter)

more disturbing. A fat cat. Not the kind of The difference

thing you'd think the RSPCA would usually have much reason to worry about.

was this particular fat cat drove a Rolls Royce, lived in a detached house and was the owner of

Duke, a disease-ridden and desperately underweight Great Dane.

Locked in a small concrete outhouse, Duke was covered from head to tail in skin diseases and was two stone underweight when rescued.

He was barely able to walk and had to be carried outside by our inspector.

According to the vet, he had been suffering for at least four months.

According to his owner, he had been fed "at least three times a day".

It's tempting to think that animals are only neglected

by people who cannot afford to care for them properly.

And although poverty is not an excuse, it is often a reason for animals' suffering.

(It costs about £700 a year to look after a normal, healthy dog.)

But the fact is that animal neglect happens across all walks of life.

a cancerous growth the size of a football under its eye. The owner thought it would just sort itself out.

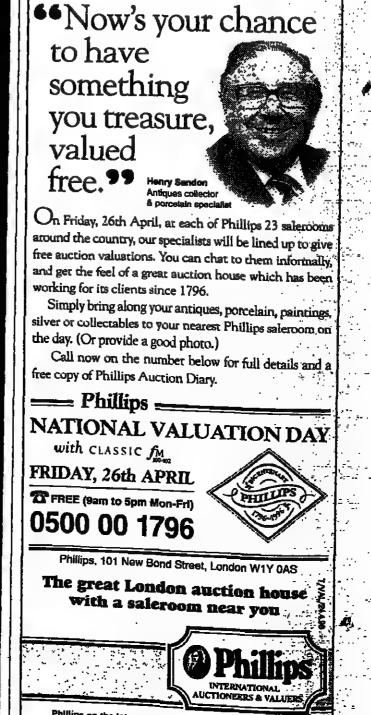
Clearly, money was not a problem for Duke's owner. (He paid his £1,573 fine on the spot and in cash.)

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Italy's Centre Left starts wooing coalition allies

ROMANO PROD!, the leader of Italy's Centre Left, began form a government after his election victory, by putting out feelers to both the Communist Refoundation party and the separatist Northern League. Either could give his Olive Tree bloc the extra seats it needs for a secure parliamen-

tary majority.

However, he rejected Communist demands for an indexlinked incomes policy, saying that it was a "self-destructive

The Olive Tree gained 284 seats in the 630-seat lower house, but needs 316 for a clear majority. Signor Prodi said he hoped to rule for five years to give Italy stability, though it would "not be easy"

The unexpected election result, he said, should enable Italy to avoid unstable coalitions and "reversals" of the kind that brought down the short-lived centre-right Gov-

Prodi said his priorities included early re-entry of the lina into the European Monetary System, which it left, with sterling, in 1992.

Lamberto Dini, the former banker and caretaker Prime Minister who governed after the fall of Signor Berlusconi, was welcome to join the new administration. If he wants the Foreign Ministry, there will be no problem," Signor Prodi said.

The Communist Refoundation, led by Fausto Bertinotti, was yesterday in triumphal mood after winning 35 seats. Signor Bertinotti, an articulate hardline Marxist who speaks with a lisp, which is seen in Italy as an aristocratic affectation, was photographed un-

corking champagne. He demanded shock therapy" to reduce working hours, state-funded socially useful work projects in the depressed South, and an incomes policy linked to the cost of living. He

PRESIDENT Chirac was em-

broiled in another human

rights controversy yesterday over a visit to France by Mobutu Sese Seko, the

Zairean strongman repeatedly

condemned by the internation-

al community for failing to

initiate democratic reform.

said the Centre Right would have won if it had not been for the Refoundation's agreement not to contest seats where the Olive Tree might win. However, Signor Prodi said

an incomes policy, abolished three years ago, would "un-dermine international confidence" in the new Italy. Cesare Romiti, the chairman of Fiat, which with the rest of big business has welcomed the Prodi victory, said an incomes policy would mark "a return to the Middle Ages". To show that he could

bypass the hard Left, Signor Prodi asked Massimo D'Alema, the leader of the Party of the Democratic Left, the former Communists, to open talks with the Northern League, led by Umberto Bossi. The League confounded critics winning 59 lower-house seats in the North, where it

aims to create a separate state. Massimo Cacciari, the leftwing Mayor of Venice, said voters had rewarded Signor

Chirac in storm over Mobutu visit

eration reported that Presi-

dent Mobutu was expected to

meet M Chirac at the Elysée

Palace today. Such a meeting

would be seen as another sign

of support for "regimes whose respect for human rights is

hardly a shining example",

The French Foreign Minis-

try would say only that Presi-

the newspaper noted.

Bossi's courage in leaving the centre-right bloc and "going it alone". However, it was difficult to see how the Centre Left could find a federalist formula that would satisfy Signor Bossi, even if Signor Prodi firmed up his hints that Irene Pivetti, the League's deputy

On the Right, recriminations began as Gianfranco Firi, leader of the "post-Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale, rebutted allegations that fear of a Fascist resurgence had alienated voters. He said the Right had underestimated the appeal of the Northern

Signor Berlusconi denied that he would leave politics. saying he was a "sentinel of freedom", and rejected accusa tions that voters had found him an unconvincing candidate for Prime Minister in view of his trial for alleged bribery of tax officials audit-ing his huge business empire.

discuss the refugee situation

on the Rwanda-Zaire border

The spokesman refused to

comment on whether the

French President would meet

his Zairean counterpart in

demonstrates how far Chirac

himself is aware of its unac-

The secrecy of this visit

with French officials.

Opening of new doors

and local spy. is gradually disappearing from the city's doorsteps, a victim of new technology and pressure for housing space. In 1950 Paris contained

60,000 concierges, or gardiennes as they prefer to be called, sharp-eyed curtaintwitchers who carefully monitored the comings and goings in almost every Paris apartment block. But their number has halved, as landlords shift to electronic door-opening codes and let out the ground floor flats where the concierge once lurked behind a wall of moral rectifude

The plight of the conclerges was brought home this week by the case of Madeleine Maquigneau, 73, a widow threatened with eviction from the flat she has occupied for nearly four decades. The owners of her building in the 20th arrondissement point out that she is still living there rent-free, even though she retired in 1992 when her door-answering duties were replaced by an intercom system. Residents of the building have mounted a petition against her eviction, but the elderly gardienne has been told she must be out by May 13.

Mme Maquigneau's fate after such long and loyal service has prompted a public outcry, even though the relationship between Paris and its concierges has always been ambivalent, at best. The concierge answers the door, delivers the post and ensures that unknown or unkempt persons do not enter the building. She (or, in a small percentage of cases, he) keeps communal areas clean, takes deliveries and makes sure the rubbish is collected.

On the other hand, as the nickname cloportes (woodlice) suggests, they also have a time-hallowed reputation as league with the state, respon-sible for chasing the rent and

woman, like nearly 70 per cent of gardiennes, with eyes that can apparently see through walls and a talent for the stealthy approach that would do credit to an SAS soldier.

Not since leaving Cam-

as: "Good dinner party? Lots

of bottles I see." Or: "A letter

from your mother this morn-

well-documented cases of con-cierges who risked their lives bridge University, where April "the cruellest bedder" took it upon herself to act as to hide fleeing Jews in the my moral conscience, have I cellars. Coming to Paris from New experienced such close daily York, where most doarmen scrutiny from someone to regard extracting the maxiwhom I am not directly mum possible Christmas tip related. Mme Fernandez tends to materialise out of the as their primary function, discovering life under the iron carpet in the lobby every

Several victims of Madame

la Guillotine had Madame la

Concierge to thank for report-

ing them to the Revolutionary

authorities. After the Occupa-

tion many gardiennes were accused of aiding the Gesta-

po, although there are other

strange experience, both com-

forting and oddly intrusive.

certingly since she speaks not a word of English: "Still writing about mad cows. But she is also a mine of

local information, deeply committed to "her" tenants. When our removal van arrived several months ago and successfully blocked the entire street for over an hour. Mme Fernandez stood guard like a small Spanish rottweiler, staring down, in turn, irate motorists, neighbouring shop-

keepers and the police. Discussing the situation of Madeleine Maquigneau, the soon-to-be-homeless consanguine and typically blunt "What would you do without me to look after you?"

shuts out concierge FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS crucial figure in French mythology combining the roles of caretaker, moral guardian leader, might remain Speaker



The concierge, for years the eyes, ears and morals of Paris, is fast disappearing



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Assad snub jeopardises ... peace effort by America

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND MARK HUBAND IN CAIRO

[N A diplomatic snub that has cast a shadow over efforts to end the fighting across Israel's northern border, President Assad yesterday refused to meet Warren Christopher on his arrival in Damascus with an American peace plan.

An embarrassed State Department official said that when the Secretary of State returned from Jerusalem with Israeli reactions to the singlepage peace blueprint for a meeting with the Syrian leader, regarded as a key player in any negotiated œasefire, he was told by Farouk al-Shara, the Foreign Minister, that Mr Assad was "not available".

The snub came after reports of friction between the American and Syrian diplomatic teams and anger from Yevgeny Primakov, the Rus-sian Foreign Minister, who returned to Moscow claiming that the Americans were attempting to freeze out all other international initiatives aimed at halting Operation Grapes of Wrath, the military offen-

By Christopher Walker

THE latest edition of the

popular magazine Jerusalem

Report, published to coincide

with the celebration today of

the 48th anniversary of Isra-

el's independence, depicts

Theodor Herzi, the father of

modern Zionism, dialling on

his mobile telephone from the

The cover encapsulates the

changes in lifestyle which

have affected the Jewish state

since its foundation under

David Ben-Gurion in 1948,

and its transformation from a

would-be home of socialist

egalitarianism to the brashest

centre of free-market capital-

Dress is no longer typiffed

ism in the Middle East.

balcony of a skyscraper.

DIPLOMACY

There was speculation among Western diplomats that Mr Assad, a notoriously inscrutable leader renowned for his tough negotiating methods, may have been showing displeasure at Washington's perceived closeness to the Israeli position. This has been graphically illustrated in Israel, where many Israelis are flying the American Stars and Stripes alongside Israeli flags to mark today's 48th anniversary of the foundation of the Jewish state.

According to Nicholas Burns, a State Department spokesman, Mr Christopher already looking weary after his four days of intensive shuttle diplomacy — was trav-elling from Damascus airport with the Syrian Foreign Minister when he was informed the crucial scheduled meeting with Mr Assad had been scrapped. Mr Christopher remained for only two

LIFESTYLE

while the kibbutz is a founder-

ing and debt-ridden institu-

tion. Israelis are among the

world's top per-capita users of

home computers and of mo-

600,000 subscribers, or 12 per

cent of the population, rules

have been introduced ban-

ning their use in the army and

"Israelis have an insatiable

appetite for new things," said

David Tamir, a Tel Aviv

advertising executive. "And

they have always been open to

So rapid has been the

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technical innovations."

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Mr Peres, surrounded by security officers, one videotaping crowds, arrives for a Memorial Day service at a Jerusalem cemetery yesterday

before returning to Jerusalem, where he had earlier held two meetings with Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister.

American peace efforts suffered another blow last night when two Egyptian Islamic groups announced in Cairo that they would start to kidnap Americans in Egypt and would bomb and sabotage American and Israeli interests around the world. President

of a state then renowned for

its austerity - has recently

issued a warning that the so-

called "Americanisation" of

Israel could affect its national

identity. He advised Israelis

and Michael Jackson".

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branches of such American

brand leaders as Blockbuster

Video, Tower Records, Ben

and Jerry Ice Cream and even

have opened within a 500-

yard radius of The Times

Jerusalem bureau. A little

further away the area around

Holy Trinity Orthodox Rus-

sian Church contains at least

20 cafés, nightclubs and res-

taurants where the music

throbs late into the night, even

non-kosher McDonald's

Israel warned to guard its identity

shadowed the influence of Egypt, the key American ally in the Middle East peace process. Fallout from the Israeli raids has been felt directly in the activities of militant Egyptian Islamic groups, whose long-standing opposition to the Israeli-Palestinian deal has gained ground with every Israeli shell fired into

Israeli diplomats in Arab

previously all but a handful of

One of the main reasons for

the transformation is that

Israel is today among the

world's rich nations. The per

capita income is £10,250 a

year, just below that of Britain

and ahead of Spain's. Com-

parisons have been made

with Asian "Tiger" economies

like Taiwan and, despite re-

gional tension, there are now

more hi-tech companies from Israel quoted on Wall Street

than from any other foreign

Israelis now holiday abroad

every year, and houmos and

pitta bread are giving way to

fettucini washed down with a

glass of more than passable

About 40 per cent of adult

country except Canada.

restaurants were shut.

lomatic delegations - Morocco. Tunisia and Egypt - have privately acknowledged that the death toll among Lebanese civilians has forced a wedge between the populations of "friendly" Arab states and Israel.

As the diplomatic moves foundered, both Israel and Hezbollah kept up their offensives yesterday, a day of high emotion in Israel as

silence for the 18,211 citizens who have fallen so far in the wars fought against the Arabs since 1948. Some Katyushas thudded into the beleaguered and almost deserted Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona, damaging a factory.

In Washington, it was confirmed last night that the Clinton Administration would discuss ways to improve Israeli defences against missile

for a three-day visit on Sunday. Geneva: The UN Human Rights Commission condemned Israeli attacks, by adopting a resolution backed by Britain and other European Union states. Fifty countries, including Russia, voted

for the resolution, which censured repeated Israeli aggression in Lebanon.

General killed in gunfight

IN CAIRO

SEVEN people died yesterday in a shootout between police and two men suspected of last week's massacre of Greek tourists near Cairo. A search for two other suspects is continuing.

The Egyptian Interior Ministry said two Islamic militants and five policemen. including a general and two other senior officers, were killed in the shooting as police approached a hideout in southern Egypt.

Seventeen Greek tourists and an Egyptian parking attendant died when four gunEGYPT

with hotel terror suspects

men opened fire on them at the Europa Hotel, near the Great Pyramid of Giza, last Thursday. The Muslim militant group, Gamaa al-Islamiya, claimed responsibility for the raid. In a statement, the group said the intended targets of the raid had been Israeli tourists, and it was to avenge Israel's bombardment

The extremists claimed Egyptian security officials had switched a group of Israelis with the Greek pilgrims at the last minute.

The government-owned Al-

Ahram newspaper this week reported that Egyptian security forces had rounded up 1.500 suspects since the attack and had come up with a detailed description of the attackers.

Hassan al-Alfy, the Interior Minister, last night demoted the head of the tourist police and the chief of security in Giza. He also ordered an internal review of 13 policemen who were supposed to have safeguarded the area around the Europa Hotel. There are unconfirmed reports that only one of the policemen had shown up for work on the day of

Tyson told to avoid strip clubs

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New York: Probation officers have ordered the heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to lead a clean life (Quentin Letts writes). He has been told to stay away from bars and nightclubs - particularly of

the strip joint variety.
The order follows an alleged incident this month in a Chicago disco called the Clique, where a woman claimed to have had her cheek chewed by Mr Tyson.

He has denied the claim. but the allegation evidently worried officers in charge of his probation for a 1992 rape

Unmanned US spy plane crashes

Los Angeles: A prototype of spy plane has crashed on take off at California's Edwards air force base, raising doubts about stringent cost-cutting in the Pentagon's research and development programmes (Giles Whittell writes). The futuristic flying wing carrying a saucer-shaped body was one of a handful of "Darkstar" drones designed to provide high-altitude reconnaissance

British threat on landmines

London: Britain intends to replace some of its standard anti-personnel landmines .with a new generation of "smart" weapons, unless a global ban on the manufacture and use of all mines is agreed (Michael Evans writes). Labour denounced the announcement, made in the Commons, as "a dangerous sham and empty rhetoric".

46 Kurds killed <u>in Turkish clash</u>

Divarbakir: At least 46 Kurdish guerrilles and five Turkish soldiers have been killed in a clash in eastern Turkey. Troops, supported by aircraft, have been pursuing a three-week offensive in the area. In a separate incident, rebels killed three teachers in an attack on their homes. (AP)

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Umpire

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poll sees

off thugs

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

A LOW-KEY Indian general

election campaign moves qui-etly towards the first day of voting this week, watched over

with evident satisfaction by a lone bureaucrat who has ter-

rorised the politicians into uncommonly good behaviour. There have been no riots.

violent processions or mur-ders of candidates. There are

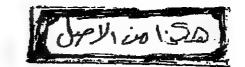
no blaring public address systems, no cavalcades, few

banners and posters. Nor is

there any obvious vote-buy-ing. Freelance gangs of

goondas, or thugs, who tradi-tionally menace the electorate

in marginal seats, have found



Clinton plays his cards right and hits lucky streak

IT TOOK President Clinton ten hours to fly 5,180 miles home from Moscow on Sunday night, but he did not exactly devote that time to pressing affairs of state.

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The world's most powerful man spent virtually the entire flight playing cards with Leon Panetta, his Chief of Staff, and other White House aides. He was so engrossed in the game that he remained on Air Force One several minutes after it finally landed at Andrews air

Mr Clinton does not do things by halves. He eats voraciously, plays golf obsessively, and usually has two or three books on the go at once. His appetite for politics is insatiable. So, his foes con-tend, is his appetite for women, but cards are his other great passion.

He played cards endlessly in New Hampshire during the dark days of January and February 1992, when his presicampaign seemed

doomed by charges of adultery and draft evasion. Later. when the campaign was fizz-ing, he would arrive at hotels in the small hours of the morning and drag exhausted aides into card games to He played cards with the

Gores on their campaign bus. He played cards relentlessly during that final 30-hour nonstop campaign trip across America when his voice gave out, and he continued playing for relaxation after reaching the Oval Office. Newsweek reporters who spent a week at the White House said the President "seemed most in his element when he was watching two televisions, conductthree conversations. playing cards and eating - all

Last November Mr Clinton's obsession with cards actually contributed to the Government's shutdown. Newt Gingrich refused a budgetary compromise with Mr

plained, the President had snubbed him during the long flight back from the funeral of the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. It turned out that Mr Clinton had spent much of the flight playing cards with the publisher of the New York Daily

Mr Clinton does not play bridge — Eisenhower was America's first and only White House bridge enthusiast. He sometimes plays pinochle with Chelsea in the evening, but his favourite game is Hearts, at which he is an expert. "I think the deck was

stacked. It was a deck from Air Force One and I just didn't get a look at it first," complained Roy Romer, Colorado's Governor, after a recent flight with the President. Mr Clinton is continuing a

fine tradition of card-playing Presidents. George Washington played for money and kept records of his winnings and losses. Thomas Jefferson played cards to relax during the drafting of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Truman and Churchill played poker as they travelled by train to Fulton, Missouri, for

Churchill's "Iron Curtain

speech" in 1946. Nixon was another avid poker player who allegedly financed his 1946 congressional campaign with his winnings from the Navy. His game evidently deteriorated when he reached the White House. "Any guy who hollers over a \$40 pot has no business being President," Tip O'Neill, the former House Speaker, once retorted when Nixon complained of his losses.



Tobacco buyers examine some of the crop on sale at the opening of the auction season in Harare vesterday

Race threat to Zimbabwe tobacco barons

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S tobacco crop. worth about £475 million this year, has become a racial battleground between the pre-dominantly white establish-ment that has dominated the industry for decades and a group of militant black businessmen trying to seize con-trol of the lucrative trade.

When the five-month selling season opened yesterday on Harare's auction floors. Peter Richards, president of ciation, which represents the estimated 2,000 growers, gave a warning of "disruption" to the industry. Zimbabwe is the world's

biggest exporter of tobacco,

with 200 million kilograms of for newspaper advertisements soft, golden aromatic leaf this year that is sought by cigarette manufacturers in Europe and America to flavour smoke that would otherwise be acrid and coarse. The weed is the backbone of the Zimbahwean for all".

However this year a serious attempt is being made in the name of "affirmative action" to put control of the trade in black hands. The man behind this is Roger Boke, a former insurance salesman who now commands a buge financial empire and has powerful backing within President Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) party. Mr Boka is notorious

which vilify whites and "Uncle Tom" blacks. One features a giant python crushing a crocodile, and carries a warning that this is what will happen to whites in the drive to "clean our society once and

Mr Boka began alarming the tobacco mandarins two weeks ago with the announcement that he proposed buying the entire 1996 crop by tender, which would allow him to hold cigarette manufacturers virtually to ransom. He then outlined plans to build the world's largest tobacco auction floor near the capital.

that he had managed to get the black-dominated tobacco regulating body to refuse to grant a buying licence to a new merchant company, because it was white-run, and denounced Denis Norman, the Agriculture Minister and

which seess to promote white supremacy".

"He cannot be disregarded as a loony," a Western diplomat said. "He is immensely wealthy and politically connected. Change the word white to Jew, and it is indistinguishable. guishable from Nazi propaganda."

the longest-serving white in Mr Mugabe's Cabinet, for having "a hidden agenda which seeks to promote white

themselves unemployed. There has not been an Indian election like it. Indeed. many of India's millions of voters are not even sure there is an election, given the absence of rowdiness. Slum dwellers, vital to a politician's fortunes, are even finding it hard to extract the usual preelection cheap liquor from money-strapped candidates. The politicians' restraint

has been imposed by T.N. Seshan, the Chief Election Commissioner, who gave a warning that candidates who exceeded modest new election spending limits would have their victories revoked. A man true to his threats. Mr Seshan is moving about the country looking for displays of "money" power, which are astonishingly few. That explains why there has been no bloodshed: riots, often used as election tools, are expensive to

The Chief Election Commissioner has even frowned on graffiti. This comes particulary hard to the Communists of Calcutta, who have fought many violent graffiti wars with rival parties and turned their city into the world's graffiti capital. The party now seeks permission before daubing somebody's wall. "We have to be careful of Seshan."

a party official said. The commissioner, who regards his work as a crusade, lamented, in a book entitled The Degeneration of India: "Successive governments have sought to reduce elections to a farce. Every party has been involved in despoiling the system. The decline of politics and politicians in India is

visible, visceral and violent." field, he has even ordered candidates not to use state helicopters for electioneering. He rejected complaints from senior politicians that travelling by road was a security risk, forcing them to enter the rural backwaters by road,

Prayer man convicted of son's death

President Clinton at work on Air Force One. He

plays cards to pass the time on long trips

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A MAN who shunned modern medicine in favour of prayer has been found guilty by a jury in Oregon of letting his

son die di jeukaemia Loyd Hays, a member of the fundamentalist Church of the First Born, ignored doctors who said his son could be cured. Instead he put his faith in an ancient anointing ceremony and churchgoers.

Tony Hays, 7. died in November 1994. He was the twentieth child of parents belonging to the church to die unnecessarily since 1975, said a group against endangering lives with "faith healing"

Hays was acquitted of firstand second-degree man-slaughter, but convicted of criminally negligent homicide" and faces up to five years' jail.

Keating closes career of radical reform

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

PAUL KEATING, one of the most controversial and radical leaders in Australian political history, resigned from parliament yesterday, marking the end of a career which spanned nearly 30

Six weeks after losing power in the general election, the Prime Minister credited with masterminding Labor's most successful period in office handed in his resignation to the Governor-General, Sir William Deane. The resignation surprised nobody, coming as it did before

next week's first session of parliament with John Howard, the Liberal leader, as Prime Minister. The former Labor leader. a boilermaker's son who left school at 14, had no wish to see his old adversary in the Prime Minister's chair.

Mr Keating, 52, who presided over wide-ranging economic changes and en-couraged closer links with Asia during his period as Treasurer and later Prime Minister, dominated Australian politics for nearly 15 years. In his letter of resignation, he wrote: "I leave very proud of what the Labor Government did. of what the Labor movement did, and of what Australians did in the past decade to build a competitive economy and marry it to a good Australian society."

do with Asia, the monarchy and Aborigines. He built stronger links with Australia's northern neighbours, galvanised public opinion on republicanism and promoted legislation which translated the historic Mabo High Court ruling on native title into administrative law for the nation's indigenous people.

Last night Mr Keating's critics and supporters alike acknowledged his achievements. His successor as Labor leader. Kim Beazley, said: "He has undoubtedly been one of the architects of our most successful periods in office." But lan Sinclair, former National Party leader, suggested he was ahead of his time. "Whether it was the republic, the flag or economic strategems, most of them were not related to the average concerns



Mr Keating, not a strict observer of protocol, puts an arm round the Queen while greeting the royal visitor to Australia in 1992

Nigeria sanctions to be tightened BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A COMMONWEALTH task dialogue with Nigeria that

force agreed yesterday to tighten sanctions to make Nigeria a pariah state until General Sani Abacha's military Goverriment shows greater respect ates his timetable for a return to democracy. All Commonwealth coun-

tries will be asked to ban air links, freeze the assets of junta members, and introduce a visa policy denying entry to any member of the Nigerian military Government and its civilian supporters. Commonwealth countries will also ban sporting links, downgrade diplomatic representation and discourage cultural contacts. Britain vetoed an oil ban which would have deprived Nigeria of 90 per cent of its foreign earnings.

The task force also agreed to break off the Commonwealth tion for the hanging of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other activists from the Ogoni tribe. to receive a Commonwealth delegation, and the eight ministers decided yesterday that there was no point attempting to arrange a meeting. Meanwhile, a hìgh-ranking

accompanied the sanctions

voted last autumn in retalia-

Vigerian delegation left vesterday for China to discuss bilateral agreements.

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Unabomber suspect revels in pleasures of prison

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JAIL seems to be suiting Theodore Kaczynski, the former mathematics don and woodland hermit suspected of being the deadly Unabomber. While awaiting trial he has settled. comfortably into his cell at Lewis and Clark County prison, Montana. In fact, he thinks the place just grand.

Mr Kaczynski, arrested two weeks ago at his remote, hand-built cabin, has pronounced himself most satisfied with the jail food. The nourishing menus of, for instance, turkey noodle casserole, the occasional roast, and perhaps a sinful stice of pecan pie,

have been an improvement on the "wild porcupine and turnips" diet on which he subsisted as a free man. The plates have been wiped spot-

less, and guards have been asked to convey Mr Kaczynski's compliments to the good ladies in the kitchens of the nearby Cooney Convalescent Home, where the prison victuals are cooked.

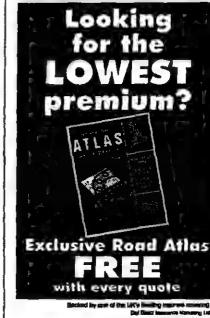
Awakening in prison is more agreeable than it was in the wilds of Montana, where dawn rose cold with the snarl of a cougar at the door and no prospect of running water. Mr Kaczynski can now take a hot shower before settling down to breakfast of

muesli, toast and milky coffee. The once penniless eccentric can ponder how best to spend his weekly pocket money of \$20 (£13) — probably on snacks at the prison tuckshop, supplied by Jolly O's Gas & Go convenience store. They taste better

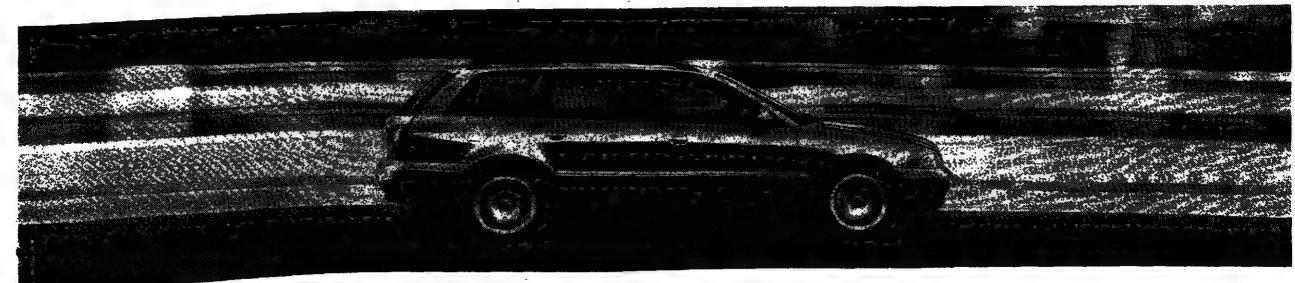
than cold rabbit bones. The former university teacher spends his days reading books from the prison's 700-volume library and penning his thoughts. Charlie Carson, a bail bondsman who visited Mr Kaczynski in his cell, said: "He's not pacing. He's reading or writing. He's a mellow dude." In the afternoon, if feeling stale, he can take a jog in the

Guards have found America's most wanted suspect a pleasure to deal with and the suspected mass bomber has spruced himself up with a haircut and beard-trim, plus a new set of clothes. On arrival at the jail he stank like a raccoon, but the ripe, torn jeans and bandana have been swapped for a sports jacket, denim shirt and Chinos

On the legal front, things may look grim as federal investigators prepare to charge him for the bombing campaign which lasted for 18 years and killed three people. But, as far as his daily routine goes, Mr Kaczynski is finding that after years of existing in an unheated, unplumbed 10ft by 12ft country cabin, life in a 8ft by 10ft, heated, clean prison cell is a cinch.



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The maxi-skirt's back, long and lean

Skirts are skimming the ankles again, but without a flounce or frill in sight these are plain and simple, in light, fresh fabrics



happen. As tops began to shrink to minuscule proportions it was almost inevitable that the skirt would eventually get longer ... and longer. This summer sees the return of the ankle-skimming skirt as designers revisit the 1970s, when the maxiskirt last reigned supreme. However, this

time around the look is nothing like the hippy-trippy image of yesteryear. There are no droopy hemlines, no chintzy-print cheesecloth or flouncy gypsy frills. Instead the new-look 1990s maxi-skirt follows an understated outline which matches perfectly fashion's predilection for all things minimal. It heralds a new spartan elegance which makes much of plain and simple, a taster of the long, lean uncluttered silhouette which designers recently previewed in

their autumn/winter collections.

The long skirt is a refreshing alternative to the more tailored look that has been fashionable of late," says Kim Stringer, associate fashion and beauty director of Elle. It looks great worn with strappy sandals or flat pumps."

The longer length comes in two main silhouertes. Designer Helmut Lang in Paris cuts a straight tube skirt in white lace which stops just short of the ankle, while in Milan Gucci favours an A-line shape in slinky jersey. Other designers worked on the same theme: Dolce & Gabbana, Trussardi, Donna Karan, Ally Capellino, Alberta Ferretti, MaxMara, Prada, Jean Paul Gaultier and Gianfranco Ferre all feature their own version in their collections. Lightweight fabrics which move easily are essential. The look is pretty at Ferretti (pale printed organza layers) and practical at DKNY (a stretch tube which packs away to almost nothing for that summer holiday).

Stringer points out that although the new longer hemline may hide the leg, it switches emphasis to the feet. Open-toe and strappy summer shoes reveal the flesh, so a pedicure at the beginning of the summer is essential, and watch out for pasty-looking flesh which has been hidden away through the winter. Try spray-on tans," says Stringer. She recommends Estee Lauder's Supertan as one of the best.

If you don't have the time or inclination to try a fake tan, foundation-coloured tights which look as though your legs have been perfectly made-up are useful: Cosmetics for Legs by Sock Shop are effective

The hippest stylists proffer brightly coloured tights including red, blue and orange, but the look is extreme and rarely works off the catwalk or page. And don't forget that a long skirt brings its own lifestyle problems. "Remember to pick up a handful of fabric when getting on the bus," says Stringer.



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4 Black cotton jersey skirt, £39.99, Morgan, selected branches nationwide (0171-436 5255).

5 Black lace A-line skirt, £27.99, Top Shop, selected branches nationwide (0171-291 2351).

6 Cream fine knitted skirt, £180, Joseph, 26 Sloane Street,

7 Chocolate brown A-line organza skirt, £180, MaxMara, 32 Sloane Street, SWI (0171-287 3434). 8 White fine cotton skirt, £27.50, Marks & Spencer, selected

branches nationwide (0171-935 4422). 9 White linen button-back skirt, £175, Margaret Howell, 29

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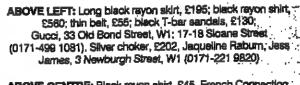
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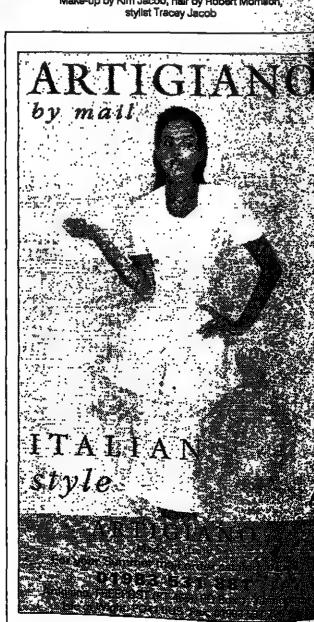
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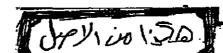
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LEFT: Cream knitted viscose vest, £125, Joseph, 26 Stoane Street, SW1 (0171-629 4774). ----Black viscose skirt, £55, French Connection, as above. Black grosgrain ribbon sandals, £235, Manolo Blahnik, 49-51 Old Church Street, SW3 (0171-352 8622) Silver choker, £202, Jaqueline Reburn, as above





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The English remain very snobbish about food, even if we have surrendered to a fast food revolution

Why we still are what we eat

hen John Prescott recently announced himself to be middle class, evidence, even rigged evidence, had to be found immediately to support his claim, in the form of a bottle of champagne. The bottle of champagne or the one that appeared to be standing in front of the Prescotts at their table, turned out not to exist. but the imagined currelation holds fast. Champagne, in this country, is the drink of the triumphant arriviste. It is a symbol - remem-

ber those champagne-guzzling yuppie years? — of whoopingly upward class mobility. The taste of the drink is immaterial. It is the cost that matters. It is a peculiarly English focus: the French, who generally take a much more symbolic view of things than we do, still like to think of champagne foremost as a wine. Of course, its expensiveness lends it a certain cultural weight, and it would be foolish to deny that in all Europe it does stand for something other than itself. It can never be the drink of the common man, even if

the common man drinks it. I am always resistant to the picture of the English as more entrenched in class divisions than any other country. Snobbishness is not a particularly English vice. But we are snobbish about food in a way that just doesn't make sense abroad. For all that we pay lip service to the idea that standards of cooking and eating, of food itself, have improved enormously over the years, it remains the case that eating well is seen as an elitist

Thirty years ago it was considered not exactly polite to talk about food, now no one ever stops. It is the subject. But I don't think it is food itself that grips so many people, so much as what they think it says about us. When I was talking about this to Laurie Taylor on The Afternoon Shift on Friday, he remarked that dry white wine had, for years now, been the middle-class drink, but ever since the working classes, latching on, had taken it up themselves, the middle classes had anxiously switched to red wine. I, innocently.

The English are snobbish about food that doesn't make sense abroad. Eating well is seen as an elitist activity

had thought the sudden thirst for red wine had been prompted by all those reports about the wonderful. heart-enhancing and generally medicinal properties of the stuff, But of course, he's completely

The whole loodie revolution was never really to do with food. I may have written a restaurant column

for 12 years, may write a food column Vogue, but anyone who calls me a foodie is an instant enemy. A foodie is someone who loves food so much as labels. The whole thing is too ruled by trend and fad to have any integriry anyway: being what the welldressed fashion

Food either tastes good or it does not. It doesn't make

with food.

plate is wearing

has little to do

sense to have everyone raving about sun-dried tomatoes one moment and showering contempt on them the next. I have always thought they tasted like blood-flavoured chewing gum. but for a while they were held to be the must-have ingredient. Sundried tomatoes were overtaken by bottarga, the dried and powdered roe of mullet, that was quickly trounced by baby squid, by polenta, by bruschetta, by balsamic vinegar and so on. All these foodstuffs are good — there's nothing shameful in liking or eating them. But there is something so dispiriting somehow in

spected a ruined monastery

miles from anywhere, circled

the Al Fayeds' splendid castle

There is only one drawback

the anxiety that attends their preparation, as if the cooks were keeping some anxious eye on a checklist of socio-culinary desirability.

Cooking has become a hobby, part of the leisure-industry age, which itself is devoted to the cult of Lifestyle. Thus, it's all aspirational. You don't eat what you like, but

what you think the person you want to be would eat. There's an awful lot of inverted snobbery about, too. In the Eighties, food had to be refined within an inch of its life, now such obvious elaborations seem distinctly un-chic to us. Anyone who wants to look as if they know the business must now boast aggressively rustic and rough-hewn

tastes. Although there is some Nigella Lawson sense in which it is all right to eat peasant food only so long as it comes from foreign peasants. This itself is odd, surely. In France they may be rediscovering la cuisine du terroir. In Italy

> tance of la cucina casalinga, but these consciously less rarefied ways of cooking are allowed to stand alongside other culinary traditions. Also, they are at least their own traditions. What's more, I begin to wonder

they do indeed stress the impor-

if our wholesale embrace of peasant food isn't really prompted by the much trumped enlargement of the middle class. After all, if everyone's going to be middle-

class, what's the middle class to do other than show disdain for its very trappings? As a case in point, it would, these days, be considered naff beyond words to give people quenelles at a dinner party, but the iltimate in chic to serve up fishcakes. And once the masses twigged that prawn cocktail was beyond the socio-culinary pale and so stopped eating it, the middle classes made a concerted effort to take it up again. It hasn't quite caught on. Perhaps a degree of nervousness remains that no one will notice the full, enlightened,

ironic playfulness of the gesture. Of course the anxiously aspirational role that food has taken on is not entirely a new phenomenon. Early industrialisation meant that cooking lost its rural, regional base. Food production became separated from where and how people lived. That continues, in a strange way, nearly all cooking can easily seem, or be, affectation. Chefs are always trying to rediscover English food, to make shepherd's pie chic. There isn't a trendy restaurant worth its sea sait that doesn't have mash on the menu now. But the trouble is. as long as we let professional. restaurant chefs dictate what we should be cooking in our kitchens at home, we are losing any real claim to a proper culinary

he working-class hero act is just as bad, however. I have no time for people who sound off about "poncy food", claiming that an appetite for anything other than spongy textured, plastic plnk sau-sages and baked beans is mere pretension. I like a bacon sandwich as much as the next person, but I don't see that the bacon has to give off a hissing white foam when neated to be respectable.

But for all that old-style class antagonism is meant to have subsided as we are all silenced and united in our desire for Habitat sofas and holidays abroad, it is clear that in some respects the class war remains - and the army, as ever, marches on its

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A headline loo far:

Giles Coren on

taboo breaking at

the Sunday Express

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The day I left the earth and found lift-off

r have Chernobyles had never thought of exploring, offering you layers of experience you had barely dreamt of. I have not, I hasten to say, stumbled on some exotic new drug, although it could become just as addictive and every bit as expensive. I refer to the joy of helicoptering. Specifically, in my case, travelling on a plum-coloured French machine

weather over the snow-capped hills and Islands of northern Scotland at somebody else's

For those readers (and, this being a highly superior newspaper, they may well form a sizeable proportion) for whom helicopter flight is as routine as taking a number II bus, I apologise; what follows will strike them as ridiculously

The joy of vertical flight has only one drawback. It fills Magnus Linklater with a yearning for more

nobody who has wres-tied with a self-adjusting card table can ever be quite the same again, so I believe my post-helicopter life has changed irrevocably. For a start, and just to get it out of the way. there is the thrill of fear. Somebody once observed that if the

engine of a helicopter gives out in mid-flight, then gliding to safety is not an option, since it rapidly acquires the serodynamics of a housebrick. However. the Dauphin had two engines, which were a

source of considerable com-fort, as was our pilot, Domi-nic, whose calm professionalism was immensely soothing. We took off from the lawns of Skibo Castle in Sutherland, a baronial pile built by Andrew Carnegie, and recently refur-bished in lavish style by Peter de Savary, and headed for the island of Lewis.

Our task was to judge works of art, poetry, photogra-phy and sculpture for the



Up, up and away: the only way to travel

forthcoming Highland Festi-val. Since we bad to cover several far-flung venues in the course of a day, the helicopter

was the only option.

I would like to try to describe the joys of vertical flight, the stomach-dropping sensation of rising into thin air, the little dip forward, almost a bow, followed by an effortless lift-off, a gentle scoop sideways and a halfturn as the ground falls away

in Easter Ross, and checked beneath you and you wonder just for a secout a colony of seals on a sand bar in the Dornoch Firth. We ond whether you are landed in time for cocktails. going to slip sideways back to earth, before to this new pleasure. You yearn for more. You think of all the places you would like you find yourself brushing the tops of the tallest trees and watching the building to explore from the air, the ease with which you could flip beneath shrink to the over to St Kilda and then size of a matchbox. I would like to describe it, but the sense of

We began in mist and rain, but as we headed west the cloud lifted, and under clear skies, floating in a sea Mediterranean blue, we

exhila ation cannot be

captured in mere

beheld the Hebrides, not quite as in a dream, but certainly from an angle that Walter Scott never even dreamt of. We hugged the contours, low enough to allow us to look up at the white peaks of famous hills like Suilven and Canisp as we passed beneath them, but high enough for us to see as far north as Cape Wrath and as far south as the Cuillins of Skye. Beneath us, the straggling west coast was laid out like a map.

helicopter keeps you in touch with the earth but gives you the free-dom to escape from it. You feel you can go anywhere, and mostly you can. For instance, we decided we would picnic by the ancient stone circle of Callanish, so we landed on a square of tarmac the size of a postage stamp, Dominic tak-ing us between two rows of electricity pylons, easing his machine down as if he was reversing into a parking space. We chose a football field at Gairloch, a spare bit of airfield at Stornoway, the lawn again at Skibo. We coasted over snowfields in the mid-Highlands, waved to an astonished hill-walker some-



places you have only seen, boringly, from ground level. In short, you want a helicopter of your own. I made some discreet inquiries, and discovered that buying a new Dauphin these days works out at about £2 million That, in my view, is a bargain - I contemplate having the down payment in time for the next millennium. It is, after all, the only way to travel.

lunch at Gleneagles, the possi-bility of revisiting all the





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Goldsmith, Redwood and a blue funk

Michael Gove on Tory dismay

at a tycoon's protest party

skin. There was a wan quality, a greyness perhaps, in the faces of the Cabinet ministers who were struggling on Monday, as they have so often over the past four years, to find, hold and sell a line on Europe which would satisfy both their party and their EU partners. By contrast, there is a sheen, almost a glow, in the demeanour of the two men who have been making the real running in Conservative politics this week.

Sir James Goldsmith and John Redwood have an air of confidence which springs from a sense that they are shaping events more successfully than those burdened with office. They are convinced that the inchoate but persistent disaffection of former Tory supporters has coalesced into frustration with Europe. The anger ignit-ed first by the exchange-rate mechanism has been kindled by fish and fanned by beef.

Bolstered by Monday's events, each is now, in his own way, causing turbulence in a party already off-balance and destined to see hundreds of its councillors culled a week tomorrow. They meet today. ostensibly to see if Mr Redwood can persuade Sir James not to unleash his

billionaire boys' club of candidates against the Tories at the next election. Mr Redwood knows there is nothing he could broker on the Prime Minister's behalf that will buy off Sir James before the election, but eves are

fixed on a further horizon and another election.

On Monday Mr Redwood relaxed with supporters at a Dartmouth House reception. Aptly enough for a Euro-sceptic gathering on the eve of St George's Day, the Mayfair club is the home of the English-Speaking Union. There was much to celebrate. Mr Redwood has been lobbying before breakfast, lunch and ten. Over the past few days, the case against the current Conservative leadership and for a more robust Toryism has been made in a series of editorials: one which particularly alarmed the Government came from its loyalist "house journal". The Daily Telegraph, last Wednesday. Several editors, including the Telegraph's Charles Moore, have enjoyed the attentions of a witty, confident and liberated Redwood.

There may be something Heseltinian about Mr Redwood's energy, but in his determination to push a divided Government in a more nationalist direction, Mr Redwood he recalls another resigner: Joe Chamberlain. It is hard for Mr Redwood, or those influenced by him, to believe that the Major Government will suddealy change its spots and risk Cabinet unity by offering new policies or referendums. Their gaze is now on the leadership battle following a Tory defeat. Mr Redwood's sentiments have found an increasingly receptive hearing from Centre-Right MPs hitherto loyal to the Government. Mr Redwood's think-tank, the Conservative 2000 Foundation has published a series of pamphlets by neglected backbenchers. This has not done Mr Redwood any

harm among his colleagues. Mr Redwood's attempt.

You can see it in their however earnest, to persuade Sir James to back down will also secure the goodwill of colleagues who see the Union Jack in which they were about to drape themselves snatched away by Goldsmith. A Tory backbencher says his col-leagues are "in a blue funk" at the thought of former Tory voters, unwilling to back Blair and encouraged by The Sun. registering a "patriotic" protest by voting for the Anglo-French

> Central Office is trying to re-assure MPs that the Goldsmith threat is a phantom. It argues that there will be no significant defections or endorsements for the Referendum Party in the next few months, and that at the election, voters will make hard-headed calculations about taxes and jobs instead of falling for the lionhearted rhetoric of Sir James's

single-issue campaign. But several Tories take a bleaker view. For good or ill, they believe Europe will not drift into the background, but that the resentments of farmers and fishermen at government attitudes will linger and undermine the Conservative claim that Labour is the lapdog of Brussels. Backbench sceptics argue that even the

Social Chapter optout will look thread-Goldsmith bare after November, when the Working Time Diand rective should be-Redwood come British law, following a judg-ment in the Euroare setting pean Court. With the pace past battle honours tattered, the Tories

will not be in a strong position to see off an increasingly selfconfident Sir James.

Sir James has this week been entertaining more journalists at the Dorchester and his lieu-tenants at Wiltons, the fish and game restaurant favoured by clubbier Conservatives. The style of his progress through these society salons might suggest that Sir James is a political gentleman who will be outclassed come the election by the professionals, but that would be to underestimate him grievously. He has secured spacious Westminster offices

- currently being fitted out as a campaign "war-room" and has several hired guns with election experience to plot his strategy. The lack of established names comforts some Tories, but he views it as an asset. A populist crusade against politics-as-normal is better off without normal

politicians. Given Britain's electoral system, Sir James will not secure a single seat, but his intervention could have a resonant and significant - effect. His campaign is calculated to attract the votes of disaffected Tories, and given his strategy of sparing sceptical MPs, pro-Europeans with small major-ities (such as Edwina Currie) will be the most obvious targets. Sir James's intervention will have magnified a trend which John Redwood has already anticipated, the emergence of an overwhelmingly Euro-sceptical Tory party. In defeat, such a party would be restless. Mr Redwood is realistic enough to have seen where such a party might look. Whatever happens today, it is unlikely that Mr Redwood will leave his meeting with Sir James looking downcast.



Platform for platitudes

the lady asked. The outrage must be exposed. I scanned the question for bias. No invitation to debate the Middle East comes free of sub-plot. No phrase is unloaded. Which dreadful business? Behind every atrocity lurk ten adjectives and a hundred excuses. Was I being asked my view on Hezboliah's "terrorist assault on innocent Israelis", or Israel's "terrorist massacre of innocent Lebanese"?

I have one opinion on the 150 miles of coastline between Gaza and Beirut. It is crude and simple. The place should be left to its own devices. I do not own it, nor do I rule it. If I tried, as Britain once did, the outcome would again be disaster. I have visited both Lebanon and Israel and found them full of charming people. If they cannot live together in peace whoever is to blame — then so be it. Thank you and goodbye.

Nobody else seems to agree. A Katvusha salvo over the Jordan and a missile retaliation on Beirut sends adrenalin pumping through the foreign ministries of the world. Nu anced denunciations are dusted off. Mans are taken down. Plane tickets are booked. Journalists are briefed. The Middle East conflict is the redlight district of world diplomacy. It is every statesman's something-on-theside. Give him a free day and he will slink off to the Levant for some gratuitous self-promotion.

Israel's Operation Grapes of Wrath has precipated an orgy of intervention. The American Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, has a secret plan shuffling between Tel Aviv and Darnascus. He sits waiting on Syria's President Assad while the latter debates another plan with the Russian Foreign Minister, Yevgeni Primakov. He in turn jug-gles photo-opportunities with the French Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, whose own plan is launched with the ringing declaration:
"France is back in this part of the world, which has been awaiting her so long." This induces the Italian Foreign Minister, Susanna Agnelli, to seek a European plan. The Americans prefer it to be a totally American one," she says. "I think they need to have the help of

someone" - that is, her. The British are not far behind. Seeking Middle East peace settle-ments is the Foreign Office's default mode. Lord Carrington was in Israel when the Argentinians invaded the The world's foreign ministries love

to interfere in the Middle East — but

they cannot solve the problem

Falklands. Two weeks ago, the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo. was also in Israel and leapt at the chance to seek peace. "I would not describe the Israeli reaction as disproportionate," he said of the latest artiliery salvo. John Major promptly assured the Lebanese Prime Minister of his deep concern "that everything be done to break the cycle of violence". Not to be out-cliched, the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, telephoned his Israeli opposite number, Ehud Barak, and told him of "the urgent need for violence in the region to be brought to an end". From the comfort of

his armchair he future Israel should use "maximum restraint" in respondŧο attacks.

israel answered this Western banality offensive by raining fragmenta-

tion bombs on the Lebanese population. It too has an election in the offing. Hezbollah replied with a shower of Katyushas. Nothing changes in the Middle East.

Il of us are invited to assume that such megaphone intervention is simply for show. Poor Warren Christopher is none too popular in Washington, and there is nothing like a peace shuttle to increase the column inches. The Russians, sidelined in Bosnia and embattled in Chechenya, are keen to cut a dash with their Arab friends. The French are desperate to display President Chirac's independent foreign policy. The Italians are equally desperate to give meaning to their presidency of the European Union.

As for the British, the fallen superpower can no longer set the world to rights but it still turns a mean platitude. Not a day passed last week without Britain expressing "concern" at events in Lebanon. The phrase was inane burble, a paragraph at the foot of the Lebanon story ntended to dust ministers with a light patina of care. The Foreign Secretary sounds like a clergyman preaching a thin text in an empty church. In the Middle East, Britain

Every history of the Middle East over the past 30 years reaches the same conclusion. There will be no lasting peace as long as two armed groups lay claim to the same stretch of territory. Outsiders come and go. They may be photographed trying to pull a diplomatic sword from the stone. If they are American, they can Nobel prize. But the conflict will seethe and erupt again. That is the

story of this region since the dawn of uistory. Like the tonic plates,

leaders, whose zeal to intervene knows no bounds, as fine talk turns to

military commitment. After Vietnam. America said never again. It said never again after Beirut in 1983. It said never again after Somalia in 1994, swearing it would never go into Bosnia. Now it is in Bosnia. I am sure it has no intention of returning to Lebanon. Yet I would not be surprised if part of the Christopher package for South Lebanon were an American presence on the ground. I find it worrying that in the spiral of intervention, statesmen either do not know what they mean or do not mean what they say. Grown men will hold the flag and pledge no troops. The next minute they are spreading mayhem and counting body-bags.

I know of no theory that covers this compulsion. The yearning to intervene reflects the "Jupiter complex". the syndrome by which those in power believe in the constant extension of their oranipotence. First they express concern, then they are induced by the glamour, lights and jets and cameras, to suggest peace plans. Then they find their peace plans picked up by embattled rulers eager to avoid the pain of domestic comprotionist urge becomes a grinding and bloody foreign war.

ioned warmongers at work John Stuart Mill, philosopher of imperial intervention, spoke of the need to venture beyond self-interest, to help peoples under tyranny or offer good government to "failed states". Frankly, any excuse would do. Just send out the gunboats and bring the despatches back to The Times.

justifying the new interven-tionism. The ideology rejects national sovereignty or the right to self-determination. Intervention in the internal affairs of sovereign states nowadays requires no threat to world peace, nor evidence of genocide, nor even an invitation froma beleaguered sovereign government. In the words of the 1995 UN *Commission on Global Governance" (Heaven help us) interver

is valid "on humanitarian grounds, in cases of gross abuse of the security of people". This might have been scripted by the Comintern. It means might is right. The welfare state has gone global. Any nation can be

The irony of recent history is that interventions that succeed in restoring a sort of stability would be regarded by most liberals as acts of local banditry: Tanzania in Uganda, America in Grenada, Vietnam in Cambodia, Syria in Lebanon, Indonesia in Timor. On the other hand, so-called humanitarian interventions usually prolong or at best postpone slaughter: Vletnam, Beirut, Rwanda, Somalia, Liberia, the former Yugoslavia. If America finally gives in to Clinton's interventionist zeal and polices South Lebanon, the omens are appalling.

The plea is always, we cannot leave these people to kill each other. Yes we can. Military intervention has been the cry of the imperialist and the arms manufacturer down the ages. It is an invitation to dance with the Devil. We can leave these people to kill each other, and usually we do. Their politics is their business, not ours. Voltaire was right. There is a limit to the mountains we can climb and the empires we can rule. There is a back garden urgently in need of

mise. Then they have to put their money and their troops where their mouths have been. A vague interven-

Watching statesman and their cheerleaders scouring the books for reasons to intervene in Bosnia, I. realised I was warching old-fash-

There is a copious literature

taken into care".

Catherine Drummond: upstaged

muster, she ascended the podium where du Chastel was speaking. Her daughter, the Hon Catherine Drummond, looked on powerless as the great lady made stately circular movements with her arms. Enough was enough, and du Chastel duly wound up, looking like an angry rhinocerous.

Alan Coren



I know it's you, but who can tell me which you you are

t will, I think, be generally accepted that should will fortuitously bump into the Duke of Edinburgh at, say, some charity hop, should Good, fancy meeting you here", turn to your wife and cry.
Darling I don't think you know Reg Grout, assistant manager of the Cleethorpes Philion, cant joy would ensue Nor would matters be any happing if you merely stood there eves narrowed, and muttered "Don" tell me, it's on the tip of my tongue, I never forger a face, was it the Boys' Brigade?"

Yet it happens all the time identification faiture is the con-

stant bugbear of social inter-course — and no less grim is its constant threat that worm in the bud of stery pleasurable prospect, that diead, even as you step out for a joby party, of what you are likely to step into. You will gush at meeting for the first time someone you have frequently met, you will exclaim how wunderful it is to meet again someone you have never have long since run off with the retail fruit business the days, tell fund managers how much you enjoyed their latest host's mother that if she thinks the food is bad, just wait till she tastes the filth he calls wine, ha-ba, haven't I seen you on Newsnight, you look so familiar or was it down Kricklewood Kebabs?

So is there nothing to be done? Are we all doomed to age ever more forgetfully, simultaneously accumulating more people and losing more brain cells until the former outnumber the latter and we daren't go out at all, lest someone ask us who we are and we cannot remember even that? Well, no, not if the Massachusetts Institute of Techniclogy is to be believed (a provision you should keep in a safe place, given that you may wish to come back to it before we're done) because on Monday that fine academy announced nothing less than a quantum breakthrough in man's eternal quest for something he knows he could put his finger on, if you just gave him a sec.

MIT has invented speciacles that whisper in your ear. They do this because part of their frame contains a micro-camera which focuses on the person standing opposite you, matches his or her characteristics to images data-banked in a titchy computer contained in another part of their frame, and, after a bit, murmurs the person's name via a tiny unloudspeaker hidden in the hook that goes over your ear. You think I jest? Here is project director Dr Alex Peni-land: "It is a system of recognising faces, expressions, hand movements etc, which could be described as the perfect solution. to social embarrassment."

h, really? I can appreciate that if you tell the computer to watch out for a tall noisy Greek cove who walks with his hands behind his. back, it will tell you when to curtsey, but what of the other, thousands of faces, expressions, hand movements etc. I have run into in the course of my life. Even if these weren't attached to thousands of names 1 have already forgotten, how in God's name - if he's the one I'm thinking of, elderly number, long white beard - are all these to be programmed in, now, the second cousins, the former neighbours, the old school chums, the ex-colleagues, that nice couple we met on Rockall in 1977, need I go on, yes I need, I. need go on to the end of time, logging the names and characteristics of everyone I have met

since the beginning of time. Have you any idea, Dr Pentland, of the size of speciacles I should require to accommodate these data even if I ever succeeded in storing them, the earpices, would be the size of cricket bats, and what would happen when I walked into any social gathering? The social gathering would clock my enormous whispering horn-rims and groan. Here's that sad brain-dead jerk who can't remember anything, don't go near him, you'll have to stand in there while that thing on his face sorts out who you are from the 34 other blue-eyed left-handed baldies he might have been at school or Tesco's with, it could take all night."

By the way, doc, I know MIT went to a convention there in 1963, and they made us all wear name tags, something I hadn't seen before. What a great idea, I thought. Simple I grant you but the best small grant you but I the best ones often are.

Balliol's man

BALLIOL COLLEGE, Oxford, one Junior Common Room remains of the century's great bastions of uncompromising socialism, has been usurped by new Labour. The college has chosen a new Master plucked straight from the Blairite seam. Andrew Graham, 53, an economics don, will act as Master for four years from autumn 1997. while the present Master, historian Colin Lucas, serves as Vice-Chancellor of the university. Graham has been thick with Labour highups since Harold Wilson's time, when he worked as a policy adviser inside Downing Street.

A political moderate and keen windsurfer, Graham was on intimate terms with John Smith. He holds no official position in Blair's dictatorship, but keeps in touch with several members of the Shadow Cabinet.

From the time when Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins were undergraduates. Balliol has slipped ever further leftward, its apogee coming in the Sixties when the walls were daubed with revolutionary slogans and the historian and former communist Christopher Hill held court in the Master's lodgings. The

one of the last nurseries of radicalism in the university. Graham fits the Balliol mould perfectly, having once labelled Thatcherism a "narrow-minded, excessively outputoriented and selfishly materialistic" ideology.

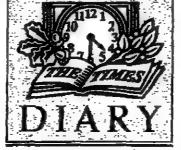
● Idealism has long since been booted out by new Labour, but even so the party's entry in the



door-stopping Guide to Political Organisations and Pressure Groups is quite shameless. The Parliamentary Monitoring Service asked both Labour and Conservatives for a one-line statement of their objectives. "To win elections and provide Conservative policies," came the reply from the Tories. Labour, however, was depressingly blunt: "To win the next general election."

> Spooky WE ALL know that Somerset Maugham dipped his toe in the murky world of espionage, but a new book by a Japanese author claims he was even more of a spook than was suspected. Ichiro Tanaka says that Maugham paid five visits to Japan after the First World War, not two as previously believed, and that under the guise of researching for his books, he had been sent to report on Japanese political and

> military movements for M16. "I have traced his movements and joined in the dotted lines between previous accounts," explains Tanaka, 57, who works in the Swedish Embassy in Japan. "You see, because he's an exam subject, the Japanese are very keen on



 One of the main attractions on Cyprus will be leaving the island when the deputy High Commis-sioner and his family return home to England next week. Bertie, the wire-haired fox terrier, has amused visitors to the island for years with his boxing. "He stands on his hind legs and dances around boxing with his paws," says Colin Jennings, his doting owner. Bertie is destined for quarantine in Sussex, but regular visits are promised.

First fan

HILLARY Rodham Clinton has at least one admirer other than the President. Joan Brady, the novelist who won the Whitbread Book of the Year for her novel Theory of War, has dedicated her

latest work to the First Lady. Death Comes For Peter Pan is a story close to Mrs Clinton's heart - it deals with one woman's struggle against bureaucracy in America's healthcare system, which the First Lady tried so hard Brady makes the dedication even

though she hasn't met Hillary. "I have only read about her in newspapers, but Mary Wesley, my neighbour in Devon, first suggested I should dedicate it to her. I think she is beautiful, brave and really magnificent."

The White House will receive an early copy, which is guaranteed to go down well. The dedication gushes: "For Hillary Rodham Clinton who did her damnedest to help."

Strange rites

THE BEST man at a fancy wedding in Scotland the other day was cut short by an Amazonian figure draped in blue velvet just as he was getting into his stride. Nicolas du Chastel was a minute or two into a hernia-inducing speech at the reception in Megginch Castle, Perth-shire, when Baroness Strange, the

mother of the bride, approached. With the drama only a woman of such magnificent proportions can

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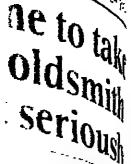
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THE REFERENDUM TRAP

Time and space are running out for Major

The mood against Europe is hardening; on the doorsteps, in the newspapers and at Westminster. A confluence of circumstance, from beef to fish, from the single currency to the social chapter, has produced a powerful exasperation with the impotence of Britain in the face of Brussels.

This mood has been growing for four years. The Times has for four years argued that the Prime Minister has failed to feel its force. The Prime Minister has proved mostly deaf to our arguments: the Tory party has proved wholly deaf to the case that he be removed from office. Now the cries of anger are louder and more numerous. But the real options for action to rescue Britain's position have become sadly more reduced.

: In the shortening run towards the next general election none of the three main political parties can now meet the people's will. We commend those politicians who are trying to do so, notably Sir James Goldsmith and John Redwood. The air is filling with solutions, new policies, new referendums. Some are attractive: some are sincere; some are workable: some might be effective. But little of significance is available to this Cabinet under this Prime Minister at this stage of the cycle of European events.

Mr Redwood meets Sir James today. He is likely to propose, for example, that the Government should announce an early referendum, before a general election, on Britain's place in Europe. The question might be: "Do you support a Europe of nation states or a European superstate?", or "Are you in favour of a simple common market in Europe or would you prefer more political integration?" or even "Who should run Britain: Westminster or Brussels?".

Mr Redwood's plan is that John Major should put this question to the public soon. Such a scheme has the double attraction, he thinks, of spiking Sir James's guns and putting the Labour Party on the spot. The referendum would be easily won by the anti-Brussels cause, possibly giving the Tories enough of a boost to call an instant general election on the promise that they would renegotiate Britain's terms of membership of the European Union, including the common fisheries policy and the supremacy of European Court of Justice judgments over British law. Labour would be wrongfooted and the Referendum Party would have either to withdraw its threat to put up andidates in Conservative seats or appear

as a mere eccentric vehicle for its founder. Political life is rarely so simple. First, the referendum question has to be agreed by Parliament. One such as the above, promising ready political gains for the Eurosceptics, would not find a majority in the House of Commons, where the Opposition would coalesce with Tory Euro-enthusiasts to water down the proposition. Once that was done, Labour would have no problem backing the Government line in the referendum campaign, thus nullifying the point of it.

Meanwhile, the very announcement of a new referendum would probably be enough to tip Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, into a resigning fury. It was hard enough for Mr Major to keep him onside during the carefully crafted deal on the single currency referendum. This would be a consultation too far for Mr Clarke, who has disdain for popular opinion on Europe. Euro-sceptics might be delighted, in the interests of purity, to see the loss of Mr Clarke and his allies from the Government; but with a majority of one, and a memory of the fatally damaging argument between Nigel Lawson and Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister is unlikely to agree.

It is easy to see where Mr Redwood's interests lie. After a defeat at the next election, he will be able to claim that, had the Government only taken his advice, the Goldsmith threat would have been removed and the Tories would have exploited their main electoral advantage over Labour. And it is easy too to sympathise with Sir James's case. As we argued ad nauseam at the time the Government should have consulted the people when the Maastricht treaty was drummed through Parliament: today's dissatisfaction stems directly from the sense that politicians have handed over the people's democratic birthright without having asked the people first. But it is difficult to devise a referendum question now that could deliver any positive change in Britain's position.

The Government can still look at other measures that might begin to restore its standing as the party that defends Britain's interests in Europe. Mr Major may be prepared to defend his position on the beef ban by non-cooperation on routine Brussels business. He talks of unnamed "other options" if he fails to achieve the lifting of the ban on Monday. But time for clarity and action is short — and shortening fast.

THE FACE OF SHAKESPEARE

No science unmasks him, no cause or crank theory claims him

Not for the first (or last) time. Shakespeare is to be unmasked. Tomorrow a German scholar will publish photofit conflations of the portraits of the Bard to validate the Kesselstatt "death mask". Moreover, having gazed electronically upon their face of Shakespeare, German police computers scan a bulge in the tear duct of his left eye. This suggests to the searchers that he did not die, according to legend, from a chill caught while drinking with Ben Jonson and Michael Drayton, but went blind from a cancerous eye tumour common in 1616.

Once you believe that, there is internal evidence in support. For the works are suggestively thick with eye imagery and the horrors of blindness. Shakespearean tears drop as fast as the Arabian trees their medicinal gum. Siren tears scald and drown the wind. Hamlet sees his mother like Niobe, all tears, calls himself a rogue and peasant slave for not weeping for Hecuba, and in a pun that falls with a splash, forbids his tears: "Too

much of water hast thou, poor Ophelia." Blindness is Shakespeare's conventional metaphor for Cupid, Fortune, lovers and politicians. The most terrible scene in tragedy comes in King Lear when the Duke of Gloucester has his eyes gouged out. Gloucester stumbled when he saw, but saw the truth once he was blind. And he was a work of the playwright's professional old age.

Because of his influence on the Romantics and the ease with which they translate him. Germans see Shakespeare as an honorary German who had the misfortune to be born in Stratford. But he defies all attempts to enlist him. He has been claimed as a bigot of the Right, because of his contemporary fear of rebellion and foreigners. But he can just as well be press-ganged as a proto-revolutionary. For his disturbers of the civic peace come from the top of society, and he shows a fondness for English rustics in such unlikely settings as Denmark, Athens and Bohemia. Is it wrong to detect his sympathy even for

such an unpromising underdog as Caliban? Critics who interpret sonnets as autobiography claim Shakespeare as a homosexual. They forget that Elizabethan sonnet sequences were fashionable vehicles for eternal triangles of all angles. And heroines such as Juliet, Rosalind, Perdita and Viola are interested in heterosexual sex in a way that suggests that their author knew what he was writing about. In fact, the man who created such diverse characters as Hamlet, Falstaff, Volumnia and the Nurse, did not need to recycle his own life for material. His creatures were of imagination all compact.

The passion to know what Shakespeare looked like and how he died is understandable. But his true lovers, both German and English, know that they are chasing the sun. The German Shakespeareans have not answered the unanswerable. But they have done everyone a favour by sending us back to works that are a universal photofit.

RETHINK FOR THE DAY

A slot for the spiritual, not the temporal

The BBC Today programme's Thought for the Day, a 212-minute moral or religious meditation, is prone to recurring outbreaks of argument over who should be allowed to do the thinking and how they should do it. The heart of the matter is always the same the right balance between spiritual refreshment and topicality. The search for relevance" which afflicts many churchmen has also diluted the spiritual message of Radio 4's preachers to the nation. The BBC shows welcome signs of recognising that Thought for The Day will only remain valued and popular if the spiritual takes precedence.

A few thoughts on the "moral dimension" of the latest row over education policy slides quickly into politics. One of the contributors now being given a rest by the BBC would have us believe that his fearless commentaries on the Irish peace process and the Scott report were censored by pusillanimous broadcasters bowing before bullying politicians. This is a conspiracy theory too far.

Freedom of speech may be a live issue in many parts of the world, but it is not under threat on Today. The programme consists of almost nothing else. Political homilies which masquerade as sermons seldom offer original or profound judgments on public policy. It is possible to argue that Jesus might well have been cross about class sizes, French nuclear tests or the poll tax. But this tells us little of spiritual value. A trite opinion is not a penetrating insight into moral dilemmas.

To urge Thought for the Day to stick to what it does best is not to suggest that the thinkers should confine themselves to theological speculation. When an important event dominates the news and preoccupies the country, the day's Thought needs to take account of the context. The shootings at Dunblane lead naturally into reflections on evil or bereavement. The best Thoughts lead the listener gently from observation of the world to a path of moral reasoning. One of the best of this year's crop, the Chief Rabbi's defence of conversation and storytelling in families, deftly blended ethics and daily life.

The most powerful argument against excessive "relevance" in Thought for the Day is the appeal of a quiet pause for thought. If Today wants to transmit more opinions on the Government's policies from outside the London studio circuit, nothing prevents it from doing so. But Thought for the Day should always strive to be a firebreak in the natural disasters, instant analysis and news dispatches. The listener asks only that the speaker helps, in the Psalmist's words, to "renew a right spirit in me."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nuclear safety and question of environmental disaster

From Sir Patrick Duffy

Sir. Your report from Moscow ("Yeltsin refuses to back Clinton on Nato's move east". April 22) will arouse the fears of many that whatever nuclear safety measures were agreed, the Group of Seven leaders have "missed an opportunity to improve global safe-

Your welcome leader, "Nuclear truths" (April 19), had reminded us that ten years after Chernobyl the "most disturbing statistics of all are in the Kola peninsula".

The problems facing the Russian Navy are not confined to decommissioned submarines and the handling of radioactive wastes. Moscow-based reports admit that active submarines have nowhere to unload their spent nuclear fuel. Official sources admit to figures that can only point to a worsening of the overall position, given Russia's limited dismantling facilities.

The current emphasis on profitability in funding Russia's essential structures and the Russian Navy's preference for modernisation make it unlikely that environmental safety will receive sufficient resources.

The Moscow summit was in a position to assist by mobilising institutional, technical and financial resources. But this would call for a clear picture. Is it likely that such an audit would be

Wartime internment

Sir. Like Mrs Gertrude Timmis ("Ger-

man-born widow to sue over intern-

ment", report, April 18) my father too

was interned. He received an early-

morning knock on the door from a

courteous British policeman and was

interned (without complaint) in a

This compared to the fate of his

family in Nazi Europe, who were

dragged from their beds by Germans.

suffered the most brutal treatment

and were finally burned in ovens -

This might not have been the fate of

Mrs Timmis's family, but Germany

was no picnic for the German popula-

tion at the end of the war. Mirs Tim-

mis should thank God every day, like

my father did, for living in this coun-

try, and not jump on the litigious bandwagon after fifty years.

Countryside attitudes

From Mr Richard Mountford

Yours faithfully,

Nutwood House,

Barrow Point Lane,

Pinner, Middlesex

April 18.

HELEN SIMPSON,

who knows whether alive or dead.

From Mrs Helen Simpson

camp on York racecourse.

You also report that the West "had failed to provide fresh funds", and should now, according to your leader, do "more to persuade taxpayers of the urgency of the threat". Is it likely that taxpayers would respond as they be-came aware of the growth in vast amounts of Russian money in private bank accounts abroad and read reports that three new submarines join-

ed the Russian fleet last year? The economic problems in Russia need a lot of attention, and so money will be found for them. As for the clean-up of the nuclear wastes, will we have to wait for a disaster?

Yours faithfully, PATRICK DUFFY. 153 Bennetthorpe. Doncaster, South Yorkshire. April 22

From Captain Richard Sharpe, RN, Editor, Jane's Fighting Ships

Sir, Your leading article was the latest indication that the media are in danger of winding themselves up for more environmental hysterics, with its particular reference to the Russian submarine bases around Murmansk

The Russians have an acknowledged nuclear power plant decommissioning problem, and some of their official comments are not unrelated to a campaign to get the rest of us to come up with financial assistance. Their main difficulty is the volume of material that has to be reprocessed. If their nuclear engineering standards and practices are not as rigorous as ours, it does not follow that the Kola peninsula is some sort of unexploded Hiro-A pressurised water reactor (PWR)

which has been shut down for a long period generates only a small amount of residual heat, which is normally dissipated by convection, helped by the occasional stir-up by low-capacity pumps, until the fuel rods can be recovered, stored and reprocessed. There may be some radioactive contamination in the decommissioning procedure if it is done badly, and all radiation is potentially harmful, but we all live with low-level radioactivity

In our daily lives. By comparison, thousands are killed every year as a direct result of accidents with internal combustion engines and by the products of chemical waste and burnt fossil fuels, which cause respiratory and other diseases. In its way, this type of pollution is just as insidious as radiation, but is infinitely more widespread in its effects.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD SHARPE, Foundry House, Bordon, Hampshire.

Queen's role and Home's succession

From Sir Robert Rhodes James

Sir. An article on the Queen that refers to her as "Elizabeth Windsor" ("Duty and tradition: Elizabeth's reigning devotions". April 22) should warn the reader of the author's objectivity. In it Professor Pimlott repeats his interpretation of the Queen's role in the premiership succession crisis of October 1963 (report, April 15), about which Mr Vernon Bogdanor has also expressed disagreement (letter, April

Professor Pimlott based his criticisms on two points — that she took Harold Macmillan's advice after he had ceased to be Prime Minister and that she had a strong personal preference for Lord Home over R. A. Butler.

On the first point, Macmillan had only just formally resigned and the Queen was fully entitled to ask him for his advice, as she had been in January 1957 when she had consulted Sir Winston Churchill. To describe this as unc*onstitut*ional seems to me an tenable charge.

On the latter point, given the Queen's character, the example of her father, and the quality of the advice she received, any personal opinions she might have had did not come into it. Also, following the precedent of October 1922 (when Lloyd George resigned and Bonar Law declined the King's request to form a government until he was sure that he could do so) Lord Home made a similar response to the

Macmillan's role may certainly be criticised, and has been by the supporters of Butler and several historians, but that of the Queen seems to me to be beyond reproach.

Also, despite my deep admiration and affection for Rab Butler, I am not convinced that Alec Home was the wrong choice — although perhaps for the wrong reasons.

love must be unconditional while res-

pect must be earned. Love, if it is un-

conditional, may survive whatever as-

sails it; respect, since it depends on

factors over which one may reason-

ably have control, such as honesty

and competence, may be lost as well

Perhaps he has confused respect

with subservience. If those people

within our society to whom respect

may be due expect to gain it simply by

wearing the uniform of office, be that

mayoral chain, military braid, regal

crown or clerical collar, rather than by

their integrity and ability in office.

then perhaps that is why the public

are becoming increasingly disen-

chanted with the institutions before

which our forebears would have auto-

matically tugged their forelocks.

ALEXANDER HORSBURGH

3 Mill Street, Kirkwall, Orkney.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ROBERT RHODES JAMES, The Stone House, Great Gransden, Sandy, Bedfordshire

Respect for monarchy

From Mrs Sue Wood

Sir, The General Secretary of the Countryside Movement, Mr Alex Armstrong (letter, April 16; see also letters. April 5) claims that his organisation is democratic because its supporters can express an opinion about policy, and because the board of direchas to be earned. tors takes into account advice received

when making its decisions. I believe that democracy involves the members of an organisation collectively having the power to determine the membership of its board of directors. The Countryside Movement has supporters instead of members. and gives them no power at all. It is

not a democracy. Incidentally, I sent off for a free information pack from the Countryside Movement, and when it arrived I was told in a covering letter that I had been registered as a supporter; and that I had to contact them if I was not happy about this. I took the time to do so, but I suspect that many of the organisation's "supporters" remain listed as such through inertia on their part.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD MOUNTFORD, 76 Springfield Road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

Lahore blast

rather than intent.

From the High Commissioner for Pakistan

Sir, In his report of April 17, headed "Blast adds weight to ambitions of Imran", Christopher Thomas has taken on the role of investigator, prosecutor. judge and jury.

Pakistan is not a nation "gripped by drugs, poverty, amoral politics and virtual civil war". Karachi, for example, is now a peaceful city where the weekly death toll at the hands of terrorists was recently in triple figures. The present Government is combating poverty and the World Bank has applauded Pakistan's fiscal policies. Thomas presents no evidence for

his suggestion that "discredited estabbeen equipped with Hurricane fighters and RAF personnel and the assolishment politicians" are behind the bombing of Imran's hospital. The ciation with the Royal Navy ended. In bombing is a despicable act, and can 1944 the squadron left for the Burma only be the work of forces inimical to Front and flew with the Earl of Bandemocracy. don's 224 Group in the Arakan. The surviving members of 273 deserve an Yours faithfully, authorised badge. The squadron exist-

WAJID SHAMSUL HASAN, High Commission for Pakistan, 35 Lowndes Square, SW1. April 17.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faired to 0171-782-5046.

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as won.

Sir, Institutions such as the monarchy, the Church, the judiciary, Parliament and the police do indeed require respect; but they do not and cannot demand it as the Dean of St Paul's claims in his letter of April 18. Respect

It is precisely because we have an increasingly questioning society that we have discovered that nearly all of these institutions have long been rife with misogyny, hypocrisy and self-inlerest.

Yours faithfully, SUE WOOD. 33 Gills Hill, Radlett, Hertfordshire. April 18.

From the Reverend Alexander Horsburgh

Sir, The Dean of St Paul fails to appreciate an important distinction be-

Sir, If the MoD's sole reason for not

authorising the badge of RAF 273

Squadron is the one given by their

spokesman (report, April 16), that "273

Squadron was disbanded in 1946 and

was not in existence long enough to qualify for recognition", then the Roy-

al Navy may be able to shed some

RAF 273 Squadron was formed in Great Yarmouth in 1918 and disband-

ed in 1919. It was re-formed in 1939 at

RAF China Bay in Ceylon but more

than half of its aircraft and personnel

were supplied by the Royal Navy Fleet

Air Arm and were on the books of

HMS Lanka. The squadron took part in the defence of the island when it

was attacked by Admiral Nagumo's

First Air Fleet and its overwhelming

force of Japanese bombers and fighter

escorts. Half of the aircraft that man-

aged to take off were shot down by the

By July 1942, 273 Squadron had

ed from September 1939 to January

1946, significantly longer than some

RAF squadrons that do have author-

ised badges. The MoD should recon-

sider their decision.

Yours sincerely.

MARTIN BELL.

Fast India Club.

April 17.

16 St James's Square, SW1.

tween love and respect, namely that Forgotten squadron

From Mr Martin Bell

light on the matter.

Japanese.

Traveller's hymns

From Mr Norman F. Moore

April 18.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Minister.

St Magnus Cathedral),

Sir. An alternative Isaac Watts hymn for air travellers (letters, April 8, 13, 22, 23) could be Awake, our souls, which contains the verse: Swift as an eagle cuts the air,

We'll mount aloft to Thine abode; On wings of love our souls shall fly Nor tire along the heavily road.

The Methodist Church's Hymns and Psalms (1983) includes a fourverse hymn written by Robert Wesley Littlewood at the beginning of the Second World War. The first verse reads: Thou who dost rule on high. Our Father and our friend,

All those who ride the sky We now to Thee commend: For though among the stars they move, They cannot rise beyond Thy love. The hymn's final verse is perhaps

even more appropriate today: And soon from pole to pole Thy kingdom, Lord, arise: And peace alone control

The commerce of the skies; Till all the gifts Thou givest men. We to Thy glory give again. Yours faithfully,

NORMAN F. MOORE. 3 Martello Gardens. Newcastle upon Tyne. April 22.

From Mr R. J. Carlyon

Sir, "A 'campaign for real hymns' modelled on the Campaign for Real Ale (report, April 21). Whatever would Wesley have

thought? Yours faithfully. RICHARD CARLYON, Hogarth Cottage,

North Street, Somerton, Somerset. April 21.

Teachers' view of boy's expulsion

From the General Secretary of NASUWT

Sir, It simply will not do for the Secre-tary of State for Education to off-load on to the local education authority the problem of the disruptive pupil at Glaisdale School ("Shephard rebukes education chiefs over expulsion", re-

port, April 23). The Conservative Government legislated in 1986 to give parents the right to appeal over the heads of governing bodies following permanent exclusion of a child.

I have repeatedly argued with every Education Secretary since 1986 that these appeal panels have been used by irresponsible parents demanding the right to send their children to main-stream schools regardless of their off-

springs' behaviour. What price local management now? The Government argues that governing bodies are best placed to decide school policy on admissions; yet at the same time it believes that these bodies cannot be relied upon to make sen-

sible decisions on exclusions. Furthermore, these appeal panels are not truly independent. They are established solely by the local education authority. Membership and proceedings remain confidential. The local authority has a vested interest in forcing a disruptive pupil back into mainstream schools in order to avoid more expensive special educational

Yours faithfully NIGEL de GRUCHY, General Secretary, NASUWT, 5 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.

A millennium wheel

From Mr Michael Middleton

Sir. So London's Ferris wheel is a stage closer to construction (report and photograph, April 18). How Paris and Rome and Prague must be kicking themselves.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL MIDDLETON, 84 Sirdar Road, Wll.

From Mrs Alexandra Scott

Sir, Doubtless a huge wheel could be completed in time for the millennium. The worry is that scientists would have insufficient time to develop further the recently announced strain of giant mice (report and article, April

Yours faithfully, ALEXANDRA SCOTT, Mait Cottage, Lamb Corner, Dedham, Colchester, Essex. April 21.

From Mr Ivan Slee

Sir, I read today that the advocates of the Ferris wheel say that from the top passengers would be able to see for 30 miles to Luton as well as to Tunbridge

I am reminded of the famous late 19th-century Cockney song, attributed to Edgar Bateman and George Le Brunn:

Wiv a ladder and some glasses, You could see to 'Ackney Marshes. If it wasn't for the 'ouses in between.

Yours sincerely, IVAN SLEE. Twixtrees. 2 Kennard Road, New Milton, Hampshire.

From Mr Richard Westbrook

Sir. Why should traditionalists object to the siting of the proposed millennium wheel opposite the Palace of Westminster? Is it not normal to find a funfair next to a circus?

Yours faithfully. R. J. WESTBROOK. Redwood House, Winterbrook, Wallingford, Oxfordshire. April 19.

On and on and on . . .

From Mr Brian Finney

Sir. Your obituary of Pearl Pleydell-Bouverie (April 13) suggests that with 65 years' service she may have been the longest-serving warden in the Church of England. In this parish Richard Eve died in office as churchwarden on November

6, 1895, aged 97, having served for 70 years. Yours faithfully, **BRIAN FINNÉY**

(Churchwarden, St James's, Silsoe). 16 The Oaks, Silsoe, Bedfordshire. April 13.

Satisfaction in full

From Mr James P. Galliano

Sir, Your report on the supplier of the royal dinner ("Luxury that made royals want to join the inn crowd", April 22) states that "Customers often laugh ruefully when presented with the bill" (early editions only). How else could they react after hav-

ing been fed by M. Roux? Yours faithfully, J. GALLIANO,

Coopers & Lybrand. PO Box 75, 10th Floor. International Commercial Centre. Casemates Square, Gibraltar. April 22

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Forthcoming

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 23: The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Trustee, National Maritime Museum, this afternoon attended a Reception at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Aris, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening chaired the 1996 Prince
Philip Lecture and attended a Dinner at 8 John Adam Street, London WC2. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 23: The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE - the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, this morning visited Ysgol Hendre Deafblind Centre, Bryncoch, Neath, and was received by Her Majesty's Lordlieutenant of West Glamorgan (Mr

Lieutemant of West Glamorgan (Mr Robert Hastie).
Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council. afterwards visited Alan Paine Knitwear Limited. New Road Industrial Estate, Ammanford, and was received by Major Kemmis Buckley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed).

Dyfedl.
The Princess Royal was represented by Mr David Nicholson at the Memorial Service for Brigadier C.B.C. (Roscoe) Harvey, DSO, late of the 10th Royal Hussars (PWO) which was held in the Church of St Edward, Stow on the Wold, this afternoon.

STUMES'S PALACE
April 23: The Prince of Wales this
morning departed from RAF
Lyncham at the start of an official
visit to Canada. The following were visit to Canada. The botowing were present and took leave of His Royal Highness: the Deputy High Commissioner of Canada (Mr Serge April), the Army Adviser at the Canadian High Commission [Colonel John Boileau) and Group Captain Christopher Morris, RAF (Station Commander). lopher Morris, RAF (Station Commander), Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Tabor RHG/D, Sur-

peon-Commander Robin Clark RN and Miss Sandy Henney are in

uttendance.
This afternoon His Royal Highness was received in Ottawa by His Ewellency the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Ro-After the official arrival ceremony

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Canadian Dragovers, met members of the Regiment and their Families at the Canada Reception Centre, Macdonald Carrier International Airport Ottawa. His Royal Highness then visited the Turry Fox Centre for young Canadi-The Prince of Wales was later the Prince of Wales was later the

received by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, at his official residence.
This evening His Royal Highness

Mr Malcoim Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and

Commonwealth Affairs, was the

host yesterday at a luncheon given

by Her Majesty's Government at I

Carlton Gardens, in honour o

members of the Commonwealth

The Lord Mayor of London.

Kenneth Ayers, was the guest of

honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-UK Chamber of

Commerce held vesterday at

Stationers' Hall. Mr Timothy Bat-

tle, president, was in the chair. The

Canadian High Commissioner, the Agents General for British Columbia and Quebeck and Lord

Shaughnessy were among those

St George's Day Club The Right Rev Lord Runcie was

the principal guest at the annual luncheon of the St George's Day

Club held yesterday at Grosvenor

House. Mr Roger Chalfont, chair-man, was in the chair. Mr Peter

Mr Sheriff

Ministerial Action Group.

Canada-UK Chamber

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present

HM Government

attended a Dinner given by the Governor General at Rideau Hall. KENSINGTON PALACE April 23: The Princess of Wales. Patron, International Spinal Re-search Trust, this morning received Mr lan Walden (Director) at Ken-

sington Palace. Her Royal Highness, Patron, Help the Aged, later received Mr Peter Bowring (President) and Mr John Mayo (Director-General) at Kensing-

The Princess of Wales, Patron. Parkinson's Disease Society, this afternoon gave a Luncheon at Ken-

April 23: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this evening at a Private View of the Leonardo da Vinci Exhibition at The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace. April 23: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by the Lord Vestey at the Memorial Service for Brigadier C.B.C. (Roscoe) Harvey, DSO, Late of the 10th Royal Hussars (PWO), which was held in the Church of St Edward. Stow on the Wold, this

of St Edward, Stow on the Wood, this afternoon visited Whiteley Village, of the Whiteley Homes Trust, and opened Whiteley House, Walton-on-Thames and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

YORK HOUSE
April 72: The Duke of Kent, Chan-

April 23: The Duke of Kent, Chan-cellor, this morning visited the University of Surrey, Guildford.

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The Duchess of Kent, President, NCH Action for Children, this morning visited Newbiggin Hall Family Project, Brian Roycroft Centre, Newbiggin Hall Estale, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was met on arrival by Colonel Hugh. Brown (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear),
Her Royal Highmess this afternoon opened Newcastle Arena, Arena Way. Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Newcastle. Newcastle upon Tyne.
The Duchess of Kent. President,
later visited the NCH Action for
Children Centre. Monksfield. Corbridge Road. Hexham. Northumberland. and was met on arrival by Her
Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of
Northumberland (The Viscount
Ridley)

April 16: The Duchess of Kent. Patron. United Kingdom Committee of UNICEF, attended a lunch given by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. His Excellency Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghall, in New York.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Oglivy celebrate the 33rd anniversary of their marriage today.

Pond-Jones, vice-chairman, made

the first presentation of the club "Award to a true Englishman" to

General Sir Michael Rose. The

Very Rev Lawrence Jackson and Mr Simon Weston also spoke. Viscount Long. Lord Ellion of Morpeth and Major J. Perry.

Commanding Officer US Marine

Corps. London, were among the

Viscount Tonyoandy and Mis-

Angela Rippon were the guests of

honour at a luncheon given by the British Red Cross yesterday at the Lanesborough Hotel. Mr John F.

Gray. Director of Public Affairs,

British Red Cross, and Mr Mich-

Dr Mary Archer was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the

ation held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Lord Ezra,

president, was in the chair. Lord

Renwick and Sir Jack Smart were

ombustion Engineering Associ-

ael Bearcroft also spoke.

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among the guests.

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Luncheons

Zandra Rhodes wearing a T-shirt she has designed for Zoostyle, a charity fashion show the Princess Royal will attend at London Zoo today. Ms Rhodes is one of a number of British designers who are supporting the show, the first ever held at the zoo, which aims to raise money for the ZOO2005 redevelopment programme

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Thames Salmon Trust's huncheon at Fishmongers' Hall at 12.40.

The Princess Royal as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will launch Portsmouth Safer Cities project on board HMS Warrior (1860). HM Naval Base, Portsmouth at 10.30; and will visit the YMCA National Centre to name the new sports and activities hall at Pairthorne Manor, Curdridge, Southampton, at 12.15. Later she will attend a charity fashion show at the London Zoo at 7.30 in add of the Zoological Society of London. London 200 at 7.30 in and of the Zoological Society of London.

Princess Margaret will visit Knowle Church of England Infant School, Knowle, Solihull, at 2.00.

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The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Black Country Museum, will open the cast from houses at the museum. Tipton Road, Dudley, at 10.45; will visit Soho House, Soho Avenue, Handsworth at 12.15; will visit the Jewellery Quarter Discovery Centre, 77-79 Vyse Street, Hockley, Birmingham, at 2.10; and will visit the Castle Valle Housing Action Trust the Castle Vale Housing Action Trust

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The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Lord Mayor's fashion show at the Manston House at 3.05 in aid of St John Ambulance. The Duchess of Kent will attend a charity concert at the Festival Hall at 9.40 in aid of the Passage day and

Birthdays today Sir Bernard Audley. founder. AGB Research, 72: Mr Ralph Brown, sculptor. 68: Field Murshal Lord

scuiptor. 68; Field Marshal Lord Carver. 81: Mr Churite Chester, comedian and radio personality. 82: Mr J.E. H. Collins, former chairman, Guardian Royai Exchange Assurance Group, 73: Sir Gordon Cox, chemist, 90; Mr Justice Cresswell, 52: the Earl of Eldon, 59; Sir Clement Freud, former MP and writer. 72: Dame Helen Gardiner, former chief clerk, Private Secretary's Office, Buckingham Paloce, 95; Mr Jean Paul Gaultier, fashion designer, 44; Mr John Harvey, former MP, 76; Mr Fred Heddell, chief executive, Mencap, 51; Mr Richard Jarman, opneral director. Sentish Opera 47: Mercap, St. Mr Richard Jarman, general director, Scottish Opera, 47: Mr Andrew Mackinlay, MP, 47: Miss Shirley MacLaine, actress, 62: Mr Alex Murphy, rughy league manager, 57: Mr James Paice, MP, 47: Sir Hugh Park, former High Court index 86: Mr Styner Beages Court judge. Sc. Mr Stuart Pearce. footballer. 34; Mr Joseph Rank. former honorary president. Ranks Hovis McDougall. 78; Miss Bridget Riley. artist. 66; the Rev Geoffrey H. Roper, general secretary, Free Church Federal Council, 56: Mr Christopher Spence, founder and director, London Lighthouse, 52: Miss Barbra Streisand, singer and actress, 54; Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Townend, founder, Hill House Inter-national Junior School, 87: Mr John

Williams, guitarist, 55.

School news

Sixth Form European Conference and CCF Annual Inspection take Dean Close School The Trinity Term begins today. Anthony Thompson is the Captain of Cricket. There will be an Open Day on May 4. Prize Giving and the laying of the Foundation Stone for the new Music School will be on May 25, at which the Guests of Honour will be Julia Cleverdon and her husband John Garnett. The Service of Commemoration of Benefactors will be on May 26 at which the Preacher will be Preb-endary R.C. Lucas. 'Music for a Summer Evening on June 15 will be the last concert with Colin Sherratt, who will play the Grieg Piano Concerto. The Leavers' Ser-Moulsford Preparatory School The Summer Term begins at vice and Reception will be on June 27 and term ends on July 5 with the

Edgehill College. Bideford, Devan

Gaudy on July 6.

Term begins today. Former Edgehillians will be meeting in London on Saturday, April 27. The May Ball for Parents and Sixth Formers will be held on Friday. May 3. Sports Day is on Saturday. June 15 and the Fete on Saturday. June 29. Term ends on Thursday. Lady Eden's School

Plans are being formulated to celebrate the 50th Anniversary in 1997 of the founding of Lady Eden's School in Kensington. To help us to communicate with all former pupils, will they please write in now giving their name. address, dates when at the school, to: The Organising Secretary, 41 Victoria Road, London, W8 5RJ.

Summer Term started on Tuesday. April 23. Kathy Haering continues as Senior Monitor and Marc Dweck is Captain of Cricket. The

Mill Hill School

Memorial service

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS

Brigadler C.B.C. Harvey The Princess Royal was repre-

sented by Mr David Nicholson and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester by Lord Vestey at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier C.B.C. (Roscoe) Harvey, cavairyman and racing administrator, held yesterday at St Edward's, Slow-on-the-Wold. The Right Rev C.W.J. Bowles officiated. Mr Nicholson read Thoroughbreds by Paul Mellon. Colonel Sir Piers Bengough gave an address.

place on May 9. Sports Day is at Copthall Stadium on May 24 and the Leavers' Ball on Top Terrace on June 29. Old Winterstokians are invited to a Reunion and the President's Garden Party on June 23. Further information can be obtained from the OM Club Office at the School. Term ends on July 4 and the Rugby Football touring party leaves for South Africa and Australia on July 20.

The School is a registered charity and exists for the education of boys

Moulsford Preparatory School today. William Samengo-Turner is Head Boy, Alex McCracken Cap-tain of Cricket, Jack Gregory Leader of the Orchestra and Oliver Embley Head Chorister. An Open Afternoon/Evening will be held on Thursday, June 27, from 3pm thurther details from the School Secretary 01491 651438) and the Mid-Summer Dance is on Friday, June 28. Prize Giving will be on Wednesday, July 3. Prizes will be presented by Mr Michael St John Made Handmark of Abbredon Parker, Headmaster of Abingdon

Royal Grammar School, Guildford The following awards are announced:

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Arademie Scholarships
King's Scholarships:
Anthony
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Levis Icrammorel, Scholarships: Andrew
P. Bell (Worplesdon Primary).
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Hill), Johannes M. de Jong
(Cranmore), Benjamin H. Harvey
(Lamesborough), Alex I. Johnsoh
(Lanesborough), Oby W. O'Hanlon
(Holy Trinity), Gregory H. Overton
(Lamesborough), Johannan Y. Tobin

The Rev Dr Newell | Anniversaries Wailbank BIRTHS: William the Silent.

A Memorial Service for the Rev Dr Newell Walibank will be held at St Bartholomew-The-Great on Friday, May 3, at Ham.

Appointments

Mr Ian Partridge has succeeded Mr Emanuel Hurwitz as President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians. Professor George Pratt has be-come President-Elect.

Prince of Orange, Nassau, 1533: Anthony Trollope, novelist, London, 1815; R.M. Ballantyne novelist. Edinburgh, 1825; Henri Philippe Petain. Chief of State of the Vichy Government 1940-14. Canchy-a-la-Tour, 1886; Sir Staf-ford Cripps, statesman, London, 1889; William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw), traitor, Brooklyn, 1906. DEATHS: Daniel Defoe, author and adventurer, London, 1731; the Duchess of Windsor, Paris, 1986.

Sweet rationing ended, 1949.

Drabu (Cranmore), Michael C. Parker (Haslemere), Mark T. Young (Woodcote House).

The Summer Term begins today.

Hannah Kiernan is the new Head

Girl and Alexandra Moody and Celia Stuart-Menteth are joint

Deputy Head Girls. Lord Nolan is

the Guest on Prize Day, July 6,

when term ends. Autumn Term

The Summer Term at Wycombe Abbey School started on Wednes-

day, April 17. In this Centenary

Year, the full programme of cele-bratory events continues. On May

3 and 4, there is the UTV Centenary

Musical Production and on May 4

a triangular lacrosse match be-tween Wycombe Abbey, St Leon-

ard's and Benenden. The Summer

Concert is at 5.00pm on Sunday,

May 5, in Big School. The Houses will be open to Seniors during the weekend of May 4 and 5. Sports Day is on June 22, when again the Houses will be open to Seniors.

The Centenary Weekend is on June

29 and 30: Parents' Day on the Saturday and Seniors' Day on the

Sunday. This Centenary Weekend

will be followed by the Centenary

Day out for the present school on Monday, July 1.

Term ends with Speech Day on

July 6. The preacher will be the Right Rev Lord Runcle and the

speaker will be Mrs J.d'A. Camp-

bell, CMG, MA, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, Wycombe Abbey School (Charity

No 3106381 promotes the education

begins on September 3.

Wycombe Abbey School

marriages

Mr J. Barrett and Miss G. Mitchell-Newman The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Barrett, of Chelwood Gate, Sussex, and Gill, youngest daughter of Mrs Margaret Newman, of Edinburgh.

Mr J.M. Boddington and Miss E. Shearer

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs P.I.M. Boddington, of Sparstow, Cheshire, and Ellie. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.A.F. Shearer. of Finstown. Orkney.

Dr P.C.J. Cantilion and Dr J.E. Preeman Mr and Mrs Alastair Freeman, of

Hindhead, Surrey, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Joanna, to Peter. son of Mr and Mrs George Cantillon, of Castletroy, Co Limerick

Mr L. Collins and Miss C.M. Hamilton The engagement is announced

between Lee, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Collins, of Bourne End. Buckinghamshire, and Carriona (Karie), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry Hamilton; of Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Mr J.E. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Cooper, of Steyning. West Sussex, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lander, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr T.C. Ewing and Miss J.D. Murphy
The engagement is announced between Terence Colin, youngest son of Mr Stewart Ewing and Mrs Winifred Bwing, MEP, of Miltonduff, Morayshire, and Jaoqueline Deirdre, eldest daugiter of Mr James and Mrs Maureen Murphy, of Dublin, currently resembled. Murphy, of Dublin, currently resident in Ruislip, Middlesex.

and Miss V. Vera-Lopez The engagement is announced between Hugo, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Fry, of Wylam, Northumberland, and Victoria, daughter of Serlor and Serlora de Vera, of Seville, Spain.

Mr G.E.T. Hogg and Ms C.H. Rondel The engagement is announced between Graham, husband of the

lare Mrs Margaret (Maggie) Hogg and eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Edwyn Hogg and Christine, twin daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Cyril Starting, of Risca, Gwent.

Mr J.E.P. MacMillan and Miss C. Tierney The engagement is announced between James Edward Pares, younger son of the late Mr James MacMillan and of Mrs Michael Bradford, of Much Hadham. Hertfordshire, and Caroline. daughter of Captain Geoffrey A.R. Tierney, of Tala Village, Cyprus and the late Mrs Anthea Tierney.

Mr D.B. Owen and Ms S. Lewis and MS 5. Lewis
The engagement is amnounced
between David, son of Mr and,
Mrs Peter Francis - Owen, of
Oakmead, The Avenue, Hampton, Middlesex, and Sharon, daughter of Mrs Carole Alderman, of The Glen, Cuckoo Hill, Pinner, Middlesex

Mr J.D. Rollinson and Miss S.C. Atkins

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs David Rollinson, of Peck-forion, Cheshire, and Stephanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Atkins, of Bunbury,

Mr M.J. Stack and Miss R.J. Seilers The engagement is announced between Michael John Stack, of Pizen, Czech Republic, and Rebecca Joan, daughter of Joan Battersby, of Edinburgh, and John

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Makohn Rifkind. QC, Secretary
of State for Foreign and Common?
wealth Affairs, was the host yesterday
at a dinner given by Her Majesty's
Government at I Carling Gardens in honour of Mr Punsaimen Ochirbat, President of Mongolia. United & Croff Chib

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the bost to the United & Cecil Club at a climer held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP: chairman, presided, The Hon Sir Marcus Fox of the Hon Sir Marcu Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker. Mr Paul Goswell also spoke.

Community Class
Air William Hague, Secretary of
State for Wales, was the guest of
honour and speaker at a dinner of the
Conlingsby Club held last night at the Cariton Club. Mr Jeremy chairman, presided.

chairman, presided.
Foundation for Science
and Technology.
Lord Butterworth. Chairman of the
Council of the Foundation for Science
and Technology, presided at a lecunic
at the Royal Society. Mr John
Spensley. Mr Victor Lucas and Dr
R.G. Evans were the speakers.
Among others present were:
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Campbell of Croy, Baroness David,
Baroness Hilton of Epgardon, Lord
Perry of Walton, Lord Tresparrie,
Professor Baine Barbara Claytoh, Str
Ronald Halstead, Professor Str
Frederick Warner, Fis. Mr Tam
Dalyell, MP, My R H Bond, Dr Michael
Sanderson and Dr PT Warner.

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Royal Society of St George
Mr Nigel L. Blood. Chairman of the
City of London branch of the Rnyal.
Society of St George, and Miss Jean
Laonard, received the guests at the
annual St George's Day dinner held
last night at Guildhall. Rear-Admiral
Sir Robert Woodard, Lady Justice
Butler-Sloss. Mrs Simon Walsh and
the Rev Basil Watson also moke. Butter-Stoss, rurs Simon warst and the Rev Basil Warson also spoke. Among the guests were:
The ambassador of Norway and Mrs vizaliem, the ambassador of lookent, the High Commissioner for New

Zealand, Mr Pernard I. Morgan, Lacy Woodard, Mr. 1958ph Builey-Sloss, General Sr Harry and Lady Verney, Indee Sir Lawrence and Lady Verney, Sir Colin and Lady Cole, Sir William and Lady Shapiand. Lady Scot-samortelf, the Master of the Scriverary Company and Miss Harman, One Hastir of the Horrery Commission of the samerieff, the Misses of the Servenary Company and Miss Harman. The Misses of the Harman and Miss Royers, the Misses of the Company of Information Technologists and the President of the City Herry Chah and Miss Royers.

St John Historical Society.

Profesor A.R. Mishawa Chancellor of the Venerable Corter of St John was the principal guest and speaker at the authorid fuguer of the St John Historical Society hald on Saturday. April Ja. 2 the Imperial Harel, Russell Square. WCL. Mr. Burry Theobald-Hicks, President, Strongarded by the Hon John Strongarded by the Hon John Strongarded

nied by the Hon Julie Stoop Camoys, welcomed the guess and proposed the loyal teast. Mr David Ferion, Chairman, presided, Among those present were:

Service dinner

The Earl of Limerick was the orincipal guest at the samual danter of the Essex. Yeombary Dinner Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Chub.

Admission ceremony The Royal College of Opening Stoppers A ceremony for the admission of new

A ceremony for the admission of new fellows and members of The Royal College of Ophthalmologists was held at The Royal College of Physicians of London on Tuesday, April 23, 1996. Professor Jean Jacques De Laey, The University of Ghent, Belgium, was admitted as an honorary fellow.

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For I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Romans 8: 38, 39 (REB)

MRTES

ROWN - On April 20th at The Rosie, Cambridge, Camilla (nie Neel) and Jan denshier, Cleanor. SYSOUTH - On 20th April 1996 at Queen Charlotte's Houselfel, to Summ and Carlotte's Houselfel, to Summ and Carlotte's Houselfel, to Summ and Carlotte's Houselfel, to Nicky and Alexander, and Thomas DAVIES - On 18th April to Robbs, (in Pethan Burn) and Simon, a son, Thomas Alexander, a brother for Patrice.

Alexander. a brother for panica.
FineBOLD - On 15th April 1996, to Juliet (nie Merber and Warren. a daughter. Len Tes, a miler to Racini.
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for Thomas for Thomas LARDSAY - On April 12th, to John, a son, Hugh James McGlashan, a brother for McGlashan, a brother for MACKEAN - On April 8th 1996, to Charlotte (née

Davies) and Muir, a son. Will, a brother for Rosie and George FORRIS - On 19th April is Arlington, Virginia, to William and Michelle Morris, a Goughler, Julie Health. OWEN - On April 17th to Caroline (née Cardy-Brown) and Mark. a son, Montgomery George Webley, PERTWEE - On April 19th, to Sarah (nie Woodhussa), and Şarah (née Woolhouse) and Mark, a daughter, Tara NATT - On 22md April 1996, to Jane (née Giblin) and Adam, a son. Harry John

Windows. RICE - On April 18th, to

Sophie and Dermot. a son, Matthew Edward, a brother for Island and Hairs.

SPOONER - On April 17th 1956 in Greenwith C USA to Plane (see Henderstell and Roger, a son, william Brader, a brother for Alexand Marcus.

STAVIS - On April 14th at The Portland Hospital, to briss and Jahr. a bendived bouncing betty for - Peer.

THESEALD - Ca April 16th, to Jenuy the Foorth and Martin, a son, Oliver William.

They - On April 17th at Limiversity Hospital William.

University Hospital Wales, lo Caroline (née Lofts) and Nigel, a daughter, Chértoile VAUX - On 22nd April, to Lucy (nee Blakey) and Hugo. a son. Fergus Peter. VALUATE - On April 22nd 1996, to Olivia and Trelaway. a daughter. Ambre May.

DEATES

ALLFORD - Colonel John
Hamilton, D.S.O. aged 84.
beloved husband of Margaret
for 54 years, degreet father
of Roger and Marion and
grandfather of Jeremy.
Kirsten and Gregor, at home
suddenly at Withersdale.
Suffolk. on April 18th.
Funeral Thursday May 2nd.
12 noon at St Mary. 12 noon at St Mary Magdalene Church, Withersdale, No flowers please. Donations may be sent to The Curche Wester Fund. 3rd Floor, 88 Bate

Fund. 3rd Floor, 38 Batter Street. London Will 2AX. BARY - Habe Bernstell, aged 35 years. A deasty loved Aunt and Great-Aunt. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Puntith on Friday 26th April at 12 noon. Enguires to Walker's Enquiries to Walker's Funeral Directors, (01768 Allowith - On April 20th 1996 poscensia in hospital Kay Bardwell, beloved

Kay Bardwell, beloved widow of Deriv Wyncham Bardwell JP, very dearly loved mother and friend of Amanda and David, son-haw Douglas and daughter-in-law Allinen, much loved gramy of Laura, Ryam and Rachel. Cremation at Kingston Crematorum or Frider Artil 25th at 11 cm. Flowers if wished or loved to F.W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston. KTZ 7AY. tel: (0181) 546-4511.

DEATHS BEXON - On April 18th BEXON - On April 18th peacefully at home Joan Agnes Mary (née Austin), where of Marian and Inches of Marian Indian and Domaic. Heauties Mass at Stance's, Spanish Place, 22 George Street. Wi (Theyer Street end) at 11 am on France Mary No. No format hery are No.

BLYTH - Margaret Grace died beaccivilly at Boot House. Tickhill. april 89. Devoked wife, much loved mother and semanations and prayer mentions and prayer warrier. Funeral flavous at Tickhill Parish Church on Friday 26th April at 1,30pm; family flowers only donations if wished to the Bible Society, Swindon or London City Manada.

BOURNE - On April 19ta 1996, peacefully at home. Norah Denise, beloved mother of Kate. Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's R.C. Church. Brackmell on Friday 26th April at 12 noon. Family forward may be demanded to St. Patrick's Missionaries or H.C.P.T. c/o A.B. Walker and Son LM. Eden Lodge. 167 Binfield Road. Brackmell. Berichter, RG42 28B. Tel: (01344) 303/UI.

COCKBURN - Peter,
pencifully at lease on 12th
April. A private family
function become place.

CULLY - John Valentine Russell, ERD. TD. Peacefully in hospital after a short times on 21st Auril, etc. loved father of Peter, prendictor of James and prother of Alan. For brother of Alan. Funeral 10am. Tuesday 30th April at \$1 Paul's Church, Tuckswood. Norwich, followed by an interment at Wromana. Family newers only, but donations may be made. If desired, to "Royal Engineers Association" and sent to the undertakers Cordon Barber Funerals.

EDGLEY - Robert Stocke 20th.
April 1996 suddenly but
peacefully in Tuscany.
Darling husband of Patrice
and much adored father of
Victoria, Lindy and Been and
grandfulidren Toby. Kit.
Alice and Holly. Much loved,
father-in-law of Miles and
Alan. Will be greatly missed
by all who knew him. A
Memorial Service will be
held later in London. BOURNE - On April 19th

SUCKHAM - On April 14m in Winchester LL Col. Arthur Harold Buckham O.B.E. of

Gordon Barber Funerals. 317. Ayleham Road. Norwich, NR3 2AB.

DEATHS DEATHS DOUGLASS - On April 19th
Lady Edith Douglass need
92, widow of Lord Douglass
of Cleveland, Remembered
by daughber Jean and her
husband Garry,
grandchildren Robert,
Margaret and Caroline and
great-grandchildren Rebeits,
Allson and Claire, Alex,
Holly, James and William,
Funeral Service at
Wealdstone Harrow
Methodist Church May 2nd
10.45 am. Flowers to K.Y.
Green, Aylesbury, Bucks.

FORB - Anna on 16th April; Wife of Edward, mother of Harriet, Hugo and Andrew, Cremation private. Thankagiving Service in Selwyn College Chapel. Cambridge, on 11th May at 3.30 pm. Bright colours. Those wishing to attend please phone (01449) 673610, Donations if desired to Army Benevient Fund. 41 Queens Gate. South Kensington. SW7 6HR.

GLANVILLE - On April 22nd, peacefully in Romsey, Hants., Betty (Elizabeth Marjorie, née James). Forever adored wife of John and beloved mother of Phyllida and Melanie, Pureza Service on Mondey. Puneral Service on Monday April 29th at St Nicola: Church, Stoneham Lane, Soton at 1.30 pm. Please, no flowers, donations to her charities c/o A.H. Chester, Funerat Directors, Romsey, tel: (01794 513593).

GOFF - Peacefully on 18th April 1996. Winifred aged 99. Funeral Service 10.20am on Tuesday 50th April at Worthing Crematorium. No flowers by request. All enquiries to H.D. Tribe Let., 130 Broadwater Road. Worthing, W. Sussex. Tel: (01903) 234516.

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FIGAM - Suppli Kumur. Powers on Priday 20th Auril at 3.15 pm. City of London Crematorius, Aldersbrock Road, Musice Park, London E11, Kuideep Garati can be contacted on 0101-630 6442.

MOUNTAIN - On April 20th scalably and penestativ at book Cerails, where of Tim. aged 91: Greatly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service Christ Church. Bernst, Monday 25th April at 1 o'clock. Fundy Davensonly, densition to Crossings. 251 Lewisiann Way, Lendon Et 130".

HUDGOR - Kenneth Charles on April 22nd 1996, peacefully aged 92. Beloved hydrost to Many and future to Tessa and Roselind. Enquiries Phillips (01727)

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JACKSON - Stanley Chadwick, on 22nd April 1996. aged 94 years of Northwood. Father of Barbara, grandfather of Jamie and Fleur. Funeral Service at Breakspear Cremetorium, Ruisilp. on Monday 29th April at 12.30pm. No flowers at his request.

JACKSON .

Joan. 4 children. 11 grand-children and 5 grant-grandchildren. Private family crumation Thursday 20th April. Family flowers only. Service of Thursdaying at 5 Mandas Charth. Senderd Oron, art. Charters. 5 un Saturday 11th May. Collection and donations to RNB Talking house a RMI for heries. Bank. 50 Chean Street. RAY - David John Ray of Wallington died suddenly on 12th April while on handely will be suffered with the sum of the sum LAY - David John Ray of

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OBITUARIES

P. L. Travers. OBE. creator of Mary Poppins, died yesterday at her home in London aged 96. She was born on August 9, 1899.

ALTHOUGH universally known and admired as the creator of Mary Poppins, P. L. Travers was a much wider and deeper person than simply the author of a fairy-story for children. In fact, she frequently asserted that Mary Poppins was not just a children's story but an attempt to convey univer-sal truths through child-like (but not childish) expression. That is why she did not entirely like the Walt Disney film version of the primly archetypal. domineering nanny. They missed the point," she said, "It's not about sugar and spice, but something from which we grown-ups can learn."

Her love of chidren permeated her life. On one occasion, having consented to give the end-of-year prizes at a small primary school in southwest London. held in the adjacent church, she confounded parents and staff and delighted the children by leading the whole school in an impromptu song and dance up the nave and down the

From an early age she was absorbed in the expression of these truths through myth. symbol and story. What the Bee Knows (1989) was the nearest she ever came to writing an autobiography. "If you want to know more about me," she would say during rare interviews, "read What the Bee Knows." But, despite the worldwide acclaim that followed the making of Mary Poppins (first published in 1934), "PL" remained all her life a very private person.

Pamela Lyndon Travers was born Helen Lyndon Goff in Maryborough. Queensland, of Irish parents. While the name Travers is a family name which she adopted, there is no explanation for her other adopted name, Pamela, which she rarely used, preferring to be known simply as PL.

P. L. TRAVERS



When her fother Travers Robert Goff died, his three daughters were quite young (PL. aged seven, was the cldest). The family moved to Bowral in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, eighty miles south of Sydney. Bowral was popular with wealthy Sydneyites who wished to leave the city for the cool of the hills. Their home was only a stone's throw from that of another famous Australian, Sir Donald Bradman.

While still in her teens. PL's poems and articles began to appear in Australian newspapers and magazines and for two years she wrote a human interest column for a daily paper. Briefly, during the early 1920s, PL toured New South Wales as an actress and dancer with the Alan Wilkie Shakespearean Touring Company.

In 1924 she left Australia for England. In Ireland the following year she met the Irish poet, George Russell, always known as AE, who, as editor of the Irish Statesman, had accepted some of her verse for publication and was of great influence on her writing. He invited her to Dublin and through him PL met W. B. Years and other Irish poets who fostered her interest in, and knowledge of, world mythology. This deep and abiding interest led her at that time to study under the remarkable master, George Ivanovitch

Gurdjieff, at Fontainebleau near Paris. This study, and the search for inner truth, she was to pursue for the rest of her life. During frequent visits to the United States, where she was invited to lecture and was writer-in-residence at Radcliffe College, 1965-66, and at survived by her adopted son.

Smith College, 1966, PL lived for some time among the Navajo Indians. absorbing much of their myth and culture.

Mary Poppins was first published in 1934 and was soon popular all over the world, being translated into many languages. The year 1935 saw a sequel, Mary Poppins Comes Back, followed, in turn, by Mary Poppins Opens the Door (1944) and Mary Poppins in the Park (1952). Several other stories were later produced: Mary Poppins from A to Z, A Mary Poppins Story for Colouring, Mary Poppins in the Kitchen. Mary Poppins in Cherry Tree Lane and Mary Poppins and the House Next Door, this last published in 1989. There were many other publications, such as I go by Sea, I go by Land (1941), a fictional diary of an 11-year-old girl evacuated from England to the United States in the Second World War, and About the Sleeping Веашу (1975).

Myth and fairy-tale were always important elements in PL's work, notably Friend Monkey (1971), a novel based on the monkey god Hanuman from the Indian epic Ramayana. By an extraordinary coincidence a character in that book, taken from real life little Trehunsey, the baby who cried most of the time - was visiting her home town of Bowral in New South Wales the day PL died.

For many years from 1976 virtually until her death PL was a contributing editor to Parabola, a United States magazine devoted to myth and tradition. What the Bee Knows is a collection of her essays and stories previously published in that magazine. The title is taken from an old English adage: "Ask the wild bee what the Druids knew."

P. L. Travers was appointed OBE in 1977 for her contribution to literature and in 1978 received an honorary doctorate from Chatham College, Pittsburgh. She never married and is

DAPHNE BENNETT

Daphne Bennett, historian and biographer, died on April 17 aged 83. She was born on October 6, 1912.

LONG convinced that the reputation of Queen Victoria's daughter Vicky, whose husband reigned as German Emperor for 99 days in 1888, had been deliberately besmirched by Bismarck and her own son, the Kaiser Wilhelm II, Daphne Bennett set out to correct their distortions directly she had enough leisure as her children grew up.

In response to her passionate advocacy of Vicky's cause, Prince Wolfgang of Hesse granted her full and exclusive access to the immense amount of unpublished material in his possession. Vicky, the book which resulted from this, was an instant success when it came out in 1971.

It was later to be at the centre of a publishing storm when, in 1986, Daphne Bennett threatened to sue Princess Michael of Kent on the ground that the Princess's book Crowned in a Far Country, published in that year, had incorporated the results of her research for Vicky without acknowledging the fact, Prin-cess Michael agreed to pay Daphne Bennett compensation and subsequent editions of Crowned in a Far Country carried acknowledegment of its author's debt to Daphne Bennett and others.

Daphne Bennett was next persuaded to attempt a biography of the Prince Consort. although she shared the then prevailing view that he was dreary, cold and formal. Work in the archives (hitherto neglected by English historians) of Albert's native Coburg taught her otherwise, and once again access to original material enabled her to correct previously held opinion. King Without a Crown (1977) was perhaps her most successful

Queen Victoria's Children (1980) continued the good

> Professor Sir John Golding, OBE, OJ,

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died in Januaica on

March 23 aged 74. He

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Golding realised that this

would leave a huge load of

severely disabled people and, with this in mind, he began to organise the building of a

rehabilitation centre in

grounds near the University

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Rehabilitation Centre was put

up swiftly, in spite of pouring

rain. After the epidemic had

died down, the need for the

centre remained - to treat

people paralysed in motor car

accidents or by gunshot

wounds. It was a moving

experience to visit the centre

and talk to patients who had

been there for thirty or forty

years, but who were still

visited by the "Prof" almost

every day.

John Simon Rawson Gol-

ding was educated at Marl-borough, Caius College, Cambridge, and the Middle-sex Hospital, qualifying in 1944. Called up for National

Service with the RAMC in

1946, he was posted to Tobruk,

where he enjoyed being the only doctor within hundreds

of miles. He returned to the

Middlesex in 1948 and spent

two years at the Royal Nat-

In 1953 he accepted the post

of senior lecturer in orthopae-

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affected about 1,500 people.

work by demonstrating that their home life was happy and cheerful, not the opposite as was commonly believed. She returned to major biography with a study of Margot Asquith which carried her well beyond the Victorian period. Margot (1984) traced the life of one of the famous Tennant sisters who, having married

and socially. In the mid-1980s she was offered a free run of the scantily-used archives of Girton College, Cambridge, She welcomed the opportunity to restore a proper balance to the popular conception of women's liberation by stressing the primacy of education in a biography of *Emily Da-*vies (1990) the founder of Girton, the first institution for the higher education of

Herbert Henry Asquith, often

strayed from the path of

convention both politically

women in England. Daphne Bennett's distinctive talents as an historian

PROFESSOR SIR JOHN GOLDING

flourished best when she was able to use new evidence to correct old prejudices, and thus to influence broad trends in historical thinking. In this way she quickly secured and always maintained a notable reputation among professional historians and the general public. Her books attracted attention because of the liveliness of her writing. She had a sharp eye for significant detail - a quality often missing from the stifling prose of much present-day history.

Most of her subjects were women, with whom she found it easy to empathise, but she never allowed enthusiasm to overshadow a critical spirit. She had taken on academic historians at their own game and earned their respect. Her contributions to the understanding of the Victorian age will endure.

She is survived by her husband, the military historian Ralph Bennett, and her two

ABDUL HAFEEZ KARDAR



WANTED

Abdul Hafeez Kardar, cricketer and politician died in Lahore on April 21 aged 71. He was born there on January 17, 1925.

AS AN emerging country in the late 1940s and the 1950s. Pakistan had no prouder young champion than Hafeez Kardar. He was the Imran Khan of his day — a hand-some and outstandingly gifted cricketer, with more than a trace of arrogance. He led his country to a famous victory over England at the Oval in 1954) before becoming something of a political maverick. last government appointment was as Pakistan's Ambassador to Switzerland from 1991 to 1993. Even before Partition in

1947, Kardar was making a name for himself as a cricketer. As Abdul Hafeez he was the youngest member of the Indian side that came to England in 1946, the first postwar tour of this country. The first three of his 26 Test matches were, in fact, for India. The others were the first 23 Pakistan played, in all of which he captained the side. Rather than returning home

after touring with India in 1946, he took his family name

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of Kardar and went up to Oxford, where he read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at University College and learnt, in his own words, "to take up causes and remain firm in matters of national importance". He had three years in the Oxford University XI, 1947-49, as an imaginative, though somewhat unpredictable, all-rounder -- a lefthanded batsman with a wide and original range of strokes and a versatile left-arm howler who took as many as 124 wickets for the university. County professionals were not accustomed to seeing a batsman already some yards down the pitch when they came to deliver the ball, as

Kardar frequently was. During the last of his long vacations from Oxford, and for a season after going down, Kardar played for Warwickshire, and for nearly 20 years after that he was the dominant figure in Pakistan cricket, first as captain, then as the most active and influential member of its board of control and finally, from 1972 to 1977, as its president. In February 1956, when a visiting MCC team became involved in an afterhours, decidedly over-boisterous incident with an umpire

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during an unofficial Test match in Peshawar, cables were exchanged between the Pakistan board and the MCC which threatened the tour. These were masterminded by Kardar, the vexed captain of the home side and himself a strict disciplinarian. At differ ent times, too, he advocated, with charryinistic ardour, that the administration of cricket should be moved from Lord's to Lahore.

By the time he retired from playing, Kardar had led Pakistan to their first Test victories over Australia (in Karachi). India (in Lucknow), New Zealand (in Karachi) and West Indies (in Port of Spain) as well as over England. With good reason he was recognised as the builder of Pakistan .cricket. His political career was chiefly as a mem-ber of the Punjab Provincial Assembly, 1970-77, for a time as Minister of Food and Education. His earlier business interests had been centred in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), first in oil and then in jute.

To the displeasure of Zulfigar Ali Bhutto, when he was Prime Minister of Pakistan. Kardar resented governmental interference in cricketing matters, always feeling that the game was better handled and administered by cricketing specialists. Nor did he see eye to eye with some of Pakistan's leading cricketers of a younger generation — Imran Khan, Majid Khan and Asif lqbal among them — on the question of players' wages. Disenchanted by all of this, he had left the cricketing scene by the 1980s and, far from being involved in the recent World Cup, he was watching it on television in London when he collapsed during the match between India and Pakistan at Bangalore. After three days in St Mary's Hospital he returned home, where he died in his sleep.

He was married twice, first to the daughter of C.A.F. Hastillow, chairman of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club, and secondly to Shahzadi Pervwen. There were three children of the two marriages, all of whom survive him.

JOHN GOLDING spent his life in Jamaica, where he built a reputation as an expert in tropical orthopsedic medicine. The turning point in his decision to stay in Jamaica came in 1953. Six months after he arrived on the island, it was swept by a devastating epi-

opened University College Hospital of the West Indies in Jamaica, seven miles outside Kingston. In 1965 he was promoted to the Princess Alice Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at what had now been renamed the University Hospital, a post he held until retirement in 1988.

In 1956 he was one of five British orthopaedic surgeons who were invited to make a tour of the United States and Canada. He lectured in many different countries and visited Haiti to work no fewer than 16 times. He was a founder member of World Orthopaedic Concern and later its secretary-general. For his services to orthopaedics he was awarded the Order of Jamaica, the highest decoration that the country can give, and was knighted in 1986. He had been appointed OBE in 1959.

Two years ago he was elected to be chairman of the Commonwealth Caribbean Medical Research Council, an organisation which aims to promote and co-ordinate research within the region. Golding made a number of research contributions on subjects of particular interest in the Tropics, notably the bones

in sickle cell disease, tuberculosis of the spine and scoliosis. He was also instrumental in setting up the 1966 Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, from which the Jamaican team emerged loaded with gold medals - an enormous contribution to morale. Thereafter they took part in such contests all over the world.

Golding had a special feeling for children, and one of his first aims after the initial poliomyelitis epidemic was over was to set up a workshop for the construction of splints, crutches and eventually wheelchairs. Workshops were also established for woodwork and sewing, in order to provide occupation and to raise funds.

In later years Golding developed an interest in the hospice movement and in helping terminally ill cancer patients. He was also concerned about the increase in road accidents, and at the time of his death, after breathalysers had been introduced, was negotiating with the Jamaican Government about a legal requirement for seatbelts and crash helmets.

Behind all these practical activities there was another side to Golding. Three years ago he wrote a little book. Ascent to Mona, describing the development of medicine in Jamaica up to the time of the founding of the university. He was also passionately interested in the Renaissance.

Golding was a big man, physically and morally. He was known throughout Jamaica as "the gentle giant". His favourite maxim was: "The greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing because we can do so little." He spent the last morning of his life visiting five terminally ill cancer patients. He leaves his wife Pat, a son

and a daughter.

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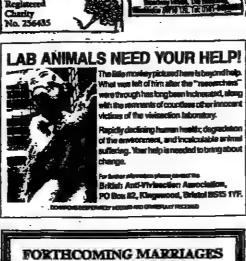


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ALDERMASTON MARCH ENDS IN PROTEST OF SILENCE

The Aldermaston murch of the nuclear disarmers ended in London last night with "a powerful protest of silence", as Canon Collins called it, outside the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square. It was, in fact, well outside the embassy, for police had closed the west side of the square and a Ministry of Works ranger had cleared the garden of the square as early as 7 p.m., instead of 8.30 p.m., much to the annoyance of citizens enjoying its holiday

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Thus the marchers were confined to three sides of the square—and to the pavements farther from its garden at that—traffic being allowed to pass along the four roadways. This, naturally enough, dimmed the silence of the protest somewhat. It took just over half an hour for the contingents taking part in this demonstration—a more fraction of those who had assembled in Hyde Park—to take their places in Grosvenor Square.

their places in Grosvenor Square. Then, when all was set, Canon Collins, one of the organizers of the march, toured round the square in a large van, explaining through a loud speaker that the idea of the 10 minutes silence was to make their protest to President Kennedy, Later he walked with Mr. John Horner, secretary of the Fire Brigades Union,

ON THIS DAY

April 24, 1962

The first Aldermaston March, organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, was in April 1958, a year after the testing of Britain's first H-bomb in the Pacific.

and two Labour M.P.s. Mr. Pavitt and Mr. Anthony Greenwood, to the entrance of the embassy, where they handed in a letter protesting against the United States proposa to resume nuclear tests. Similar letters of protest were delivered to the Russian Embassy

nd to Admiralty House. As the party left the United States Embassy the scene was enlivened with flashlights from photographers' cameras and the assembled marchers burst into a long round of clapping. Police, who lined the square from about 7 p.m., received several coachloads of reinforcements during the evening, but they had little to do

beyond persuading people to keep on the pavements. By 8.30 the demonstration was over and the marchers began to disperse. Yesterday morning the marchers set out from west London on the final leg of their fourday march. Two Japanese survivors of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima were at the head of the column. With them, apart from Canon Collins, were Professor Ritchie Calder, Miss Jacquetta Hawkes, wife of Mr. J. B. Priestley.

Mr. Frank Cousins, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and several Labour M.P.s.
When the head of the column reached Hyde Park the tail was leaving Acton. According to the police, about 30,000 marched into the park. There waiting sympathizers and holiday-makers swelled the numbers to more than 50,000. Campaign leaders estimated there were even more, and Mr. Cousins put the number as high as 150,000.

Canon Collins, addressing the rally, said: This is a magnificent response, a terrific concourse of people all determined to persuade Messrs. Macmillan, Gaitskell, and Grimond that they are not leading the British people where they ought to go. They always think the Aldermaston demonstration just a flash in the pan. I hope this year they will recognize it as a flash they cannot resist."

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Laura Blair on contract caterers who have developed 'healthy' menus

ith the BSE scare at its worst, Sutcliffe, the contract caterer, took beef off the menu but only in prisons. All other clients were given freedom of choice; it is not the role of caterers, after all, to dictate what their clients eat.

They must, however, be aware of trends in diet, and at the moment the long-term change is towards healthier eating. Cream soups, fryups, meat starters, red meats and sticky puddings are slowly going the way of all flesh.

According to contract catering companies, "healthy options" involving less fat, salt, sugar, increased fibre and the clear labelling of the contents of dishes, increasingly form part of invitation-totender documents.

The recent refurbishment of the English National Opera's staff restaurant at the Coliseum, for example, was also taken by Gardner Merchant as a good opportunity to change the catering style. More emphasis has been placed on healthy food options, including salads and vegetarian dishes. Ventilation in the restaurant,

which is under the stage, was improved and the room made more spacious to make room for the previously, they were not able to sit on the benches, which were very close to the tables and screwed to the floor.

Contract caterers in general pose the question; is it not absurd for employers to go to elaborate trouble to make workplaces hazard-free and healthy if the diet of those who work in them is neither?

Making food hazard-free rocans eliminating identifiable danger — including harmful additives and bacteria, maybe even the remote threat of CJD. Notions of what constitutes a healthy diet change constantly - but then so do notions of what constitutes "health". Not so long ago, health was equated with age-defying beauty. Now we again worry that some don't eat enough. while others eat too much.

Healthy eating programmes are often seen as part of a keep-fit corporate culture. For example, at Fina, the petroleum company, whose contract catering is by Summit, and at Hewlett-Packard (catering by Aramark), healthy eating is part of a corporate policy that includes regular exercise and health check-ups

But much of the healthy cating drive is fuelled by widespread public disquiet about the long-term wholesomeness of what we eat, inspired by a series of well-publicised food scandals, and a growing distrust of scientific pronounce-



Backstage meal: ENO technical staff, musicians and singers take a break from the opera Fidelio

But eating is only partly about nourishment. Mostly it is about

pleasure. Ms Pawan's advice to

chefs is to "use salt lightly; but not

so lightly that it will encourage

people to sprinkle their food with

salt themselves. The same with

sugar; reduce it but the food must

between instinctive and acquired

wisdom. A little of what you fancy

then ... and it is the gourmet, not

the starkly scientific approach

which is the order of the day. For

example, Compass launched its

first healthy eating programme as

far back as 1983, but the recipes had

been prepared by nutritionists, not

the chefs, so they didn't work

Healthy eating is a balance

still be palatable."

A bite at the opera

ments. More "natural" food is an

established demand. Nutritionists tend to play the science game with a straight bat, while still disputing the benefits of, among other things, fibre and cutting down on salt and sugar. But Anne Pawan, of Gardner Merchant's nutrition and dietetic services, insists that the uncertainties

She says: "There are still areas of doubt — but also conclusions which have not changed over the years. One is the need to cut down on fats." And the polyunsaturates (in some vegetable oils) are not the heroes they once were, the current preference being for monosaturates such as olive and fish and rapeseed oils. Here the caterers' healthy eating response is probably about right. To quote Sutcliffe: "Where project manager of Eurest (part of the Compass Group), says: "Today we train the chefs in nutrition."

Virtually every contract caterer today has a healthy eating programme. The alm is to give customers what they want. The method is to give everyone an extensive choice — even fish and chips alongside non-fried fish dishaust and plenty of economers. es - and plenty of encouragement via point of sale publicity, colour codes, signage, and lots of information about the contents of dishes.

ngrained tastes and aversions don't disappear overnight, but they do change. Today brown rice has few takers in Britain - but a generation ago lager held the same position. Caterers say that part of the value of clearly identifying ingredients is to prepare consumers mentally for lower salt or sugar in dishes.

The trend, meanwhile, is to have core package of specifically healthy recipes, especially favouring Mediterranean cuisine because it is naturally low in fat and high in fibre and starch. This is coupled with good practice in ingredient selection and cooking methods, using lean meat, unblended oils, avoidance of deep frying and creme

Beware the phoney copier consultants

Copying costs are falling — but they could be cut even further

significant drop in the cost of reprographics in the first three months of the year is the biggest change in office costs recorded by the quarterly Times/Procord survey.

The introduction of new and more competitive photocopies contracts, plus the growing popularity of all-purpose machines providing computer printouts, photocopies and fax facilities, are responsible for the reduction.

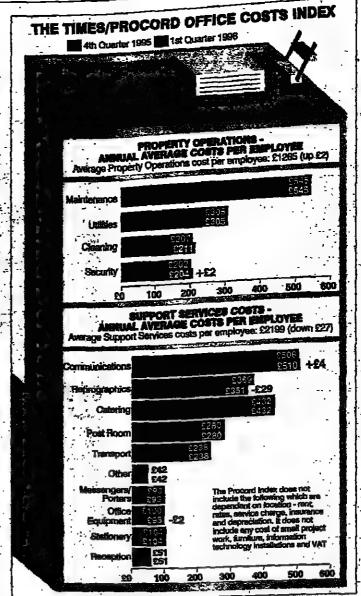
The change has brought annual office costs per employee down to £3,656; £25 less than in the final quarter of last year. But property management costs have re-mained stude.

Barry Varcoe, Procord's international performance manager, says: "The boom time for the photocopier industry was the mid-1980s, when businesses were so eager to hire the latest equipment that they landed themselves with onerous and expensive contracts. Now that the contracts are expiring, companies can negotiate more favourable terms, especially as there are a number of

surplus suppliers in the market." The most dramatic example discovered during the survey of 250 office buildings around Britain was the replacement of a £14,000-a-year contract for the provision of two copiers by one for £6,500 which included new

The reduction in costs could have been greater but for the activities of "stripers", according to the Business Equipment Us-ers' Association. Carmel Rowley, the association's director, says that these unqualified photocopier sales people, who present themselves as "copier consul-tants", are preying on business worries about the industry's

They claim to know "the tricks of the trade" and offer to extricate customers from contracts. But often they end up pocketing



large fees - for minimal work. The drop in reprographic costs found in The Times! Procord survey was partly offset by an increase in communication charges, which is attributed to the growing use of mobile telephones, faxes and other informa-

tion technology devices. Mr. Varcoe also claims that cleaning and security costs could soon rise because of concerted pressure from companies supplying these services to raise their

urity staff will come from the same supply pool within the esterment area of an office, so contractors will be under pressure themselves to match wages offered by their rivals. They will find it difficult to undercut those

eking more lucrative deals. The best way for a business to react to these pressures is to de-mand that staff carry out extra duties, such as manning the

reception desk, or that they obtain other skills, such as first aid qualifications."

Mr Varcoe advises companies looking at their security costs to avoid the temptation of comparing their figures with other companies. The provision of effective security is more compli-cated than that," he says. The starting point must be a risk starting point must be a risk assessment, which needs to consider the specific risks of the industry in which the company is engaged, the location of premises and less obvious dangers, such as the possibility of flood or a road banker that is carrying chemicals crashing into the site.

"A company can then work out the most effective way of doing the job. Employing lots of guards might not be the answer because just one or the work might be able to monitor effective intruder.

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stage: the council has taken

advice from a QC. The out-come could affect the Tupe —

Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)

regulations. "The losers will

be the staff involved," says

Norman Rose, new director-general of the Business Ser-

vices Association.

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Master fixer

215,000 sq ft used by more than day to look after, with cleaning and maintenance contracts to supervise, sports fields and science laboratories to keep in action, Raymond Gunn seems a typical facilities manager.

He is practising his profes-sion, however, in a field where FM is virtually unknown: education. Mr Gunn is premises manager at Crown Woods comprehensive in Eltham, southeast London. and was one of the first school managers to become a mem-ber of the British Institute of Facilities Management

As concern grows about the physical state of Britain's schools in a cash-starved environment, his skills are going to be needed. Yet the opportunity for FM companies, as opposed to managers, to move into the school market remains almost nil because of VAT.

Educational establishments must pay the tax for any outside services, so if they outsource the management of their premises they will have **Tony Dawe**

assesses the skills needed to run schools as

a business

to pay an extra 17.5 per cent. If they call in an electrician, they pay VAT: if they use a staff

nployee, they don't. The tax problem makes it difficult for FM companies to offer schools a complete management package at a compentive price but there are some services they could provide more cheaply even after tax is paid," says Floward Bibby. property consultant for Procord.

The need for professional help is paramount. A survey by the two local government associations found an "appalling level of neglect" in school maintenance, with a £3.2 billion backlog in repairs.

With increasing parental choice, schools are having to

compete for pupils and are concentrating on better teaching and equipment," says Mr Bibby. "Yet if a school goes for two to three years with inade-quate maintenance, by the fourth it will not be function-

ing at all."

Proof of this can be found in London boroughs and many cities. At Islington Green School, north London, for example, lack of maintenance led to the breakdown of the boilers and closure of the school on three days when cold weather struck.

Mr Gunn is familiar with the problem. The formula used by the London borough of Greenwich to assess the maintenance budget for Crown Woods means that the school is entitled to £120,000 a year, but half of that is channelled into more direct educational spending by the school governors.

As a result, he has become an expert in getting value for money. "We have to think of the most cost-efficient solution to everything," he says, "I employ a carpenter four days a week at £60 a day and a



Raymond Gunn, outside Crown Woods School in southeast London, has become an expert in getting value for money

plumber at £80 a day, which is much cheaper than calling in contractors and paying the VAT when a job needs doing." He must decide when more major works, like external

painting and repairing water tanks, become essential. He supervises cleaning, ground maintenance and furniture contracts. In addition, he arranges lettings of the school

and its sports facilities, which brings in £25,000 a year, "You can see why I hate being called a caretaker!" he says,

their premises as a business,"

not afford to outsource the management, they can at least seek advice about setting up ment from FM professionals."

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have back-up diesel genera-

tors and batteries to ensure an

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contracts with specialist me-chanical and electrical con-

tractors to make regular and

frequent checks of equipment,

making sure it will work

we ask them to do something

we get a response immediate-

ly which was something we

never used to get in the past."

Mr Driver says: "Any time

when needed.

This means keeping the

not an easy task in exposed

air-sea rescue helicopters.

adds Mr Bibby, "If they can-

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Stephen Hoare on the FM manager who goes to work by boat or helicopter

one's idea of what the well-dressed facilities manager should be wearing, but Chesterton's Sara Collins slips one on when she visits one of her more remote assignments — a coastguard station on lonely Rathlin Island off the Northern Irish

Rathlin is one of 300 properties in Northern Ireland, Scotland and the North East of England that Chesterton manages for HM Coastguard. Responsible for maintenance, Miss Collins coordinates inspection visits by surveyors to operations centres, equipment stores and coastguard cottages from the firm's Edinburgh office.

For Rathlin, the visit entailed a 20-minute trip out to the island in a rigid inflatable power boat. Luckily, the sea was calm. But that sort of journey is not unusual in the remote highlands and islands where many coastguard

First don your office wet suit

properties are often best visited by helicopter, plane or

Miss Collins plans HM Coastguard's entire northern regional maintenance programme, managing an annual budget of roughly £500,000. She meets coastguard managers at the service's eight district offices once a quarter to approve repairs and review a planned

Chesterion has for the last three years been steadily building an FM presence north of the border. Clients now include the Scottish Office, a chain of six government marine laboratories, Scottish Natural Heritage and Shell

HM Coastguard is happy outsourcing its FM. In the past maintenance and building work was handled through the old government Property Services Agency and by the individual coastguard managers themselves.

Bob Driver, controller for the north east of Scotland, says: "We used to divide up our maintenance budget between the districts for them to spend as they thought fit. Sometimes managers had spare cash left over at the end of the year and spent willy nilly - other times money for

essential repairs ran out." The most important part of Chesterton's maintenance brief is to keep the operations centres fully functioning at all



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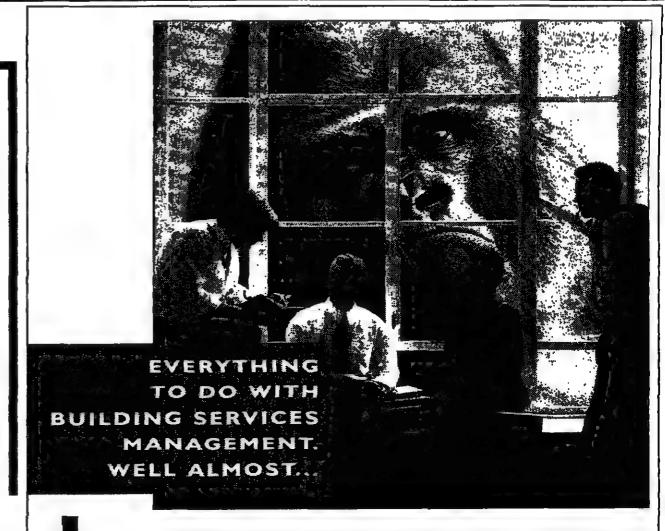
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Shipowners cannot invoke clause

The Mahkutai

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Nicholis of Birkenhead, Lord Hoffmarın and Sir Michael Hardie

[Judgment April 22]

Shipowners, who were not parties to the contract in the bill of lading issued by time charterers to the shippers, could not invoke, either under a Himalaya clause (see Adler v Dickson ([1955] 1 QB 158) incorporated into the bill or alter natively on the principle of bailment on terms, as against the cargo owners the exclusive jurisdiction clause contained in that

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the appellants. vessel Mahkutai, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong (1994) 1 HKLR 212) setting aside the order of Mr Justice Sears, who had granted them a stay of proceedings brought in Hong Kong by the respondents. the owners of cargo lately laden on

Mr Peter Gross, QC and Mr Duncan Matthews for the ship-owners; Mr Richard Alkens, QC and Mr Alan Roxburgh for the

LORD GOFF that the shipowners had chartered the vessel to another Indonesian corporation, PT Reieki Sentosa, which had subchartered it to the shippers for the carriage of a cargo of plywood from Jakarta to Shantou in the People's Republic of China.

A shipping order was issued by Gesuri Lloyd, Sentosa's general agents, directing the vessel to receive the cargo from the shippers for carriage to Shantou subject to the provisions of Sentosa's form of bill of lading. The shipping order signed by the master constituted a mate's receipt for the goods. The master issued an authorisation letter to Gesuri Lloyd, authorising them to sign the bill of lading "in accordance with mate's receipt and

A bill of lading was issued in Sentosa's form. Clause 4(ii) provant, agent and subcontractor fol the currier Sentosal shall have the benefit of all exceptions, limita-tions, provision, conditions and liberties herein benefiting the carrier as if such provisions were expressly made for their benefit, and. In entering into this contract. the carrier, to the extent of these provisions, does so not only on [his] own behalf, but also as agent and trustee for such servants,

Clause 19 provided: "The contract evidenced by the bill of lading shall be governed by the law of Indonesia and any dispute arising hereunder shall be determined by

agents and subcontractors."

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the Indonesian courts according to that law to the exclusion of the jurisdiction of the courts of any

When the vessel arrived at hantou the cargo owners claimed that plywood in one of the holds had been damaged by sea water. The vessel proceeded to Hong Kong for the discharge of other cargo. On arrival there the cargo owners issued a writ claiming damages urising from damage to the cargo. The shipowners issued a summons seeking a stay of

Mr Justice Sears held that the shipowners, although not parties to the bill, were entitled to invoke clause 19 either as a contractual term or as one of the terms on which the goods were bailed to them, and he ordered that the Hong Kong proceedings he stayed. eversed that decision.

The two principles which the

shipowners invoked were the prodnot of developments in English law uring the present century.

During that period, opinion had

fluctuated about the desirability of recognising some form of modification of, or exception to, the strict doctrine of privity of contract arose in the context of carriage of to be in accordance with commer cial expectations that the benefit of certain terms of the contract of carriage should be made available to parties involved in the adventure who were not parties to the

Those cases had been concerned primarily with stevedores claim-ing the benefit of exceptions and also with shipowners claiming the protection of such terms contained charterers' bills.

At first there appeared to have been a readiness on the part of judges to recognise such claims, especially in Elder Dempster & Co Ltd v Paterson Zochonis & Co Ltd ([1924] AC 522), concerned with the principle of bailment on terms.

ion however hardened nezinst them in the middle of the century as the pendulum swung back in the direction of orthodox Scruttons Ltd ([1962] AC 446); but in more recent years it had swung back again to recognition of their commercial desirability: see New aland Shipping Co Ltd v A. M. Satterthwalte & Co Ltd (The Eurymedon) (1975) AC 154 and Port Jackson Stevedoring Pty Ltd v Salmond and Spraggon (Austra-lia) Pty Lid (The New York Star) (1981) I WLR 138).

In the present case shipowners carrying cargo shipped under charterers' bills of lading were seeking to claim the benefit of a name of the ship in Adler v Dickson, in the bills, or in the alternative to invoke the principle

However, they were seeking to invoke not an exception or limitation in the ordinary sense of those words, but the benefit of an exclusive jurisdiction clause. That would involve a significantly wider application of the relevant

His Lordship said that so long as Eurymedon principle continued to be understood to rest upon an enforceable contract as between the cargo owners and the steve dores entered into through the agency of the shipowner, it was inevitable that technical points of contract and agency law would continue to be invoked by cargo owners seeking to enforce tort remedies against stevedores and others uninhibited by the excep-tions and limitations in the relevant bill of lading contract.

There was a helpful consideration of the principle in Palmer Bailment (2nd edition (1991) pol610-1625).

There could be no doubt of the commercial need of some such principle and not only in cases concerned with stevedores; and the bold step taken by the Privy Council in *The Eurymedon* and later developed in *The New York* Star, had been widely welcomed.

But it was legitimate to wonder whether that development was yet complete. The time might well come when, in an appropriate race, it would fall to be considered whether the courts should take what might legitimately be per-ceived to be the final, and perhaps inevitable, step in that develcoment, and recognise in those cases a fully fledged exception to the doctrine of privity of contract thus escaping from all the tech-nicalities with which courts were now faced in English law.

Their Lordships had given consideration to the question whether they should face up to that question in the present appeal but had come to the conclusion that it would not be appropriate for them

Their Lordships turned to the pplication of the principle in The Euromedon to the facts of the present case and proceeded to address the question of the exclusive jurisdiction clause on the assumption that the shipowners could be regarded as sub-contractors for that purpose. The question was whether that clause within the scope of clause 4(ii). the Himalaya clause.

In The Eurymedon (at pl69) and The New York Star (at pl43) Lord Wilberforce stated the principle to be applicable, in the case of es, to respectively "exemptions and limitations" and "de lences and immunities" contained in the bill of leding. That was scarcely surprising. Most bill of lading contracts incorporated the Hague-Visby Rules in which the responsibilities Rules, in which the respon mod limbilides of the currier were segregated from his rights and immunities. Such terms were characteristically terms for the benefit of the carrier, of which subcontractors could have the benefit under the Himaloya clause

made for their benefit. It, however, by no means fol-owed that the same could be said of an exclusive jurisdiction clause. Such a clause could be distinguished from terms such as excep tions and limitations in that it did not benefit only one party, but under which both parties agreed with each other as to the relevant jurisdiction for the resolution of

It created mutual rights and obligations. Could such a class an exception, limitation, provision, condition or liberty benefiting the carrier within the meaning of the Himalaya dause?

limitation, condition or liberty. But

could it be a provision? That expression had to be considered in the context of the Himalava clause: and so the question was whether an exci iurisdiction clause was a provision benefiting the carrier, of which servants, agents and sub-contractors of the carrier were intended to have the benefit, as if the provision was expressly made for their benefit.

The word "provision" was to be found at the centre of a series of words, all of which shared the same characteristic, that they were not as such rights which entailed correlative obligations on the Some limit had to be placed

upon the meaning of "provision" in that context. It must have been inserted with the purpose of ensur ing that any other provision in the bill of lading which, although it did not strictly fall within the descripconditions and liberties," neverthe less benefited the carrier in the same way in the sense that it was inserted in the bill for the corrier's protection, should enure for the benefit of the servants, agents and ubcontractors of the carrier. it could not therefore extend to include a mutual agreement, such

as an exclusive jurisdiction clause. which was not of that churacur. In support of his submission that the exclusive jurisdiction Himalaya clause in the present case, Mr Gross had invoked the decision of the Privy Council in The Pioneer Container (1994) 2 That case was, however, con-

cerned with a different situation and their Lordships did not find it of assistance in the present case. The *Himalaya* clause did not enable the shipowners to take advantage of the exclusive jurisdic-tion clause in the bill of lading. In the light of the principle stated by Lord Summer in the Elder

Dempster case (at p564), as inter-preted in Wilson v Darling Island Stevedoring and Lighterage Co Ltd ((1956) 95 CLR 43, 78), the next question was whether the ship-owners could establish that they had received the goods into the ession on the terms of the bill of lading, including the exclusive jurisdiction clause; that is, whether the shipowners obligations as bailees were effectively subjected to the clause as a term upon which the shipowners implicitly received the goods into their possession: set The Pioneer Container (at p340).

In the present case there was an insuperable objection to the arguthat the bill of lading under which the goods were shipped on board contained a Himaloya clause under which the shipowners as subcontractors were expressed to be entitled to the benefit of certain terms in the bill of lading but, as their Lordships had held, those terms did not include the exclusive

iurisdiction clause. In those circumstances it was impossible to hold that, by receiv-ing the goods into their possession pursuant to the bill of lading, the shipowners' obligations as bailees were effectively subjected to the exclusive jurisdiction clause as a term upon which they implic received the goods into their no to be rejected as inconsistent with the express terms of the bill of

Accordingly, their Lordships recommended that the appeal Solicitors: Sinclair Roche

Popely v Planarrive Ltd

When the court was asked to set

aside the exercise by directors of a private company of deliberately wide powers bestowed on them by its articles of association, it was

necessary to prove that they had acted outside those powers.

Chancery Division in refusing an application by Ronald Popely, under section 359 of the Com-

panies Act 1985, for an order rectifying the register of members

of Planarrive Ltd by registering him as the owner of 15 shares

Article 14 of the company's

"in their absolute discretion and

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to him by his son, Darren.

Before Mr Justice Laddie

Ludgment March 28i

Judge's power to choose scale of costs

Brown v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis White v Same

fore Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Pill

[Judgment April 3] An action claiming damages for false imprisonment, assault and malicious prosecution was an action for the recovery of a sum of money only" within the meaning of Order 38, rule 4 of the County Court Rules 1981 which applied in determining the scale of costs to be awarded. It did not, howeve exclude the county court judge's ing discretion under Order 38, rule 1(2), to determine the scale

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Roy Brown and Janet White, plaintiffs consolidated actions, from Judge Sir David Hughes-Morgan, who at Croydon County Court had awarded them costs on county court scale I in respect of their actions against the Comm of Police of the Metropolis.

sees for assault and battery, false prosecution. He was awarded damages in respect of the greater part of his claim of £2,750. Miss White had succeeded on her claim for false imprisonment and maious prose damages of £3,000. Both sought costs on county court scale 2.
Order 38, rule 1 provides: "(2)
The costs of and incidental to all

proceedings in a county court shall be in the discretion of the court." Rule 4 provides: "(1) . . . the scale costs in an action for the

Challenging directors' decision

therefor" to "decline to register the

Article 25 provided: "If the directors refuse to register a trans-

fer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the

transfer was lodged send to the

Miss Catherine Newman, QC and Mr S. Graham Campbell for

the applicant; Miss Tina

MR JUSTICE LADDIE sald It

was not in dispute that the com-bined effect of those articles was

that a decision to refuse to register

had to be taken within those two

months, and he was not prepared

to disbelieve sworn evidence that

such a decision bad, at a timely

Nor was it in dispute that, in

breach of article 25, no timely

notice of that decision had been

directors' meeting, been taken.

Kyriakides for the company.

transferee notice of the refusal."

recovery of a sum of money only shall be determined — (a) as regards the costs of the plaintiff, by the amount recovered; (b) as regards the defendant, by the emount claimed

Mr Patrick O'Connor for the aintiffs, Mr Simon Freeland for

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr O'Connor's first argument that since the actions had been transferred from the High Court, the judge had failed to give effect to a wider discretion conferred by section 45 of the County Courts Act 1984, Was not open to him as he had invited the judge to deal with the matter as if it had been in the county court

Even if it were, it would not have belped him. Hailes v West (1940) I KB 250), which followed Davies v Davies (1928) 1 KB 364), was dea authority for the proposition that the discretion given to the court in relation to transferred actions did not have the effect of giving the county court judge any wider discretion as to costs than he would have in relation to an action

originating in the county court.
Mr O'Connor's second submission was that Order 38, rule 4 did not apply since the actions were not for the recovery of a sum of money only; that the plaintiffs' objectives included the vindication their reputations and went beyond the mere recovery of monetary damages; and that, even if role 4(1)(a) could be operated where the plaintiff was successful, rule 4(1)(b) could not where the

rendered that decision void. His

Lordship disagreed that breach might expose the directors to civil or criminal liabilities, but could

not relate back so as to mullify a

Counsel had further contended

that the directors had been unalide

validly to take that decision, by virtue of strong personal feelings of hostility towards Mr Popely: but

no such feelings could, per se, bar a director from taking an otherwise

Where a power to decide was, as

in article 14, unqualified, the only

restriction on a director was that

Solicitors: Michael E. Harris,

Hamostead: Knocker & Foskett,

he must act bona fide in

company's interests.

decision which had been proper.

which the scale of costs recoverable by the defendant could be fixed. His Lordship rejected that argument accepting that of Mr Freeland: that rule 4 applied to actions for unliquidated damages. see The County Court Practice 1995 paragraph 5, note 3 of Part'if of the scale, at p1665 and the note a Order 3, rule 2, at pi36; and that there was no difficulty in operating rule 4(1)(b) since either the plaintiff would have limited his claim, so that there would be an amount claimed, or he would not, in which case it would be treated as unlimited and so for a sum of more

than £3,000. His Lordship had no doubt वर सी। that Order 38, rule 4 applied in cases of the present kind essentially for those reasons. It was an action for recovery of a sum of money only since nothing clse was

sought.

He accepted Mr O'Cormor's third submission that if Order 38. rule 4 did apply the judge was wrong to hold that he was bound to apply the appropriate scale, and that he was deprived of any discretion to depart from it even if

he thought it right to do so.

Mr O'Connor had not submitted. that the cases fell within rule 460, but he had relied on Bourne v. Stanbridge [1965] I WLR 1899 28 clear authority for the proposition that the overriding discretion conferred by Order 38, rule 1(2) was not excluded by the terms of rule 4.

Referring to that case, in particular at poly3, 196 and 1972 his Lordship said that the Court of Appeal had there been called on to consider rules equivalent to those now contained in Order 38, rules

now contained in Order 38, rules 1(2), 3(1), 3(3), 4(1) and 4(6).

The effect of the decision was that despite the language of what was now Order 38, rule 4, the county court judge did retain an overriding discretion.

The judge had misdirected himself in holding that he had no discretion beauty he had not

discretion; however he had not further misdirected ruling that if he had a discretion, an award on scale .! Water appropriate.

In dismissing the appeal his Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Order 38, rule 9. LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-

SON, agreeing, said that costs under scale I could in certain circumstances be increased if the provisions of Order 38, rule 9 were invoked. It was therefore still possible that the plaintiffs would llowed under scale t.

Lord Justice Pili delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co. Metropolium Police Solicitor.

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Shock horror hits the Sunday doormat

Giles Coren reports on why a respectable

newspaper broke new ground in taste

hen the Sunday Express dropped on to the doormals of middle England last weekend, its readers were enjoying the sunniest morning of the year so far. By the time the front page had been unfolded, stormclouds were gathering.
"A Bunch of Shits", screamed the

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headline, in letters nearly two inches high, the first time the word, or any like it, had appeared in such a prominent position in a British newspaper. The quote was attributed to the Prime Minister, part of a tirade against other European leaders and leaked to the paper by a senior Tory source to toughen up John Major's image. The word had the Downing Street imprimatur, certainly, but its size and position were

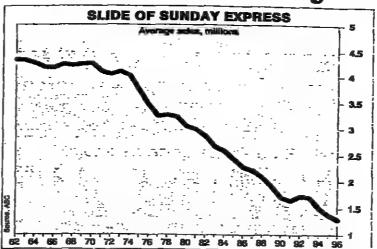
But the Editor Sue Douglas was unrepentant. "Of course we were worried about the possible response." she said. "And a few people thought we shouldn't do it, including some of the younger journalists, with very young children. But we ran it because it is what he said. It is not so long ago that all the papers were running the bastards' story. And was shit really

so much worse as a word? It had been seen in print before, although admittedly not in a 140-point banner headline. But it crystallized the point, and made the story stronger. The Editor of the News of the

World, Phil Hall, was in no mood for excuses. "It was outrageous," he said. "We would never carry a headline like that. And coming from Britain's most outrageous newspaper, that is

saying something.
"I was news editor on the Sunday
Express and 1 know that the shockwaves will be reverberating around middle England. My mother told me she would be cancelling her order immediately, and I don't think she will be alone. You should be able to leave a Sunday newspaper on the coffee table all day. People do not want their children coming up to them saying. What is a bunch of shits. Daddy? You can put the words in the copy, where adults can choose to read about an adult subject, but in the headline it is going to be read on news-stands, and, again, children will read it."

There were, indeed, problems on the newstands. Journalists at the



phone calls from newsagents putting up bill-boards, who assumed there had been a mistake.

But according to Roy Farndon. Editor of UK Press Gazette, it was no accident. "Nor was it was a case of 'Can we get away with this head-line?'." he says. "This was a deliber-ate attempt, made after consultation, to appeal to a younger audience. They decided on the message they wanted to send about the paper, and then looked for a way to send it.

to make, but the trick is to appeal to new readers without alienating older

"Of course we are hell-bent on getting younger readers," says Ms Douglas, "Everyone knows that. But we have an image problem, and need to be noticed more. That was part of the decision. I felt as if I was on the edge of a diving-board all day, and 1 just thought, 'Oh, go on, jump.' [spoke to Lord Stevens before I did it. He said he would support me."

She insists that the objectors have

been few. "We have taken 57 calls so far." she says. "Thiry six were appalled, 16 were cancelling their subscriptions, and five were just praising the sentiments." Not enough to sway Ms Douglas. She will, she says, be doing it again, but admits that "shit" was a borderline case, and that the Express will go no further.

It seems that sales did increase by 11,000 on Sunday. But people rarely begin cancelling before the newsagents bill comes in. Since the Sunday Express has the highest pre-ordered sale (as much as 80 per cent) of any paper in Britain, this will be

Cynics insist that Douglas, with ordy a year to show an improvement in circulation, is resorting to desper-ate methods. It is also seen as significant that the paper's owners. United Newspapers, recently merged with MAI, which is owned by Labour peer Lord Hollick. Prudish United chairman Lord Stevens, it is said. would not have sanctioned this in his days of total autocracy.

One man who was not ruffled was Sir John Junor, Editor of the Sunday Express until 1986. "It is a fairly appropriate description." he said. "I wouldn't have used it in my day, but then Europe has changed. Shit is common parlance now, and you

Must try harder

and Employment, is ignor-

entirely. But the classroom is

where the problem lies. There's no substituting "eff-

ective communication skills"

for grammar. How can you

put sentences together prop-

erly if you don't know the parts and how to assemble

them? The national curricu-

lum leaves grammar and

syntax until the age of 14 to

need to know the difference

between singular and plural,

a noun and a verb, and between "a white man's shirt" and "a man's white

shirt". Whenever purity of

language comes up. Ameri-

can-English comes in for a

lot of stick. American films

and sit-coms certainly pro-

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lo. By then it's too late.

rom all over the world, curious bureaucrats come to London to see the miracle on Foley Street: commercial television forced acts. In most other countries, commercial TV consists of non-stop advertisements broken by game shows, old movies and cartoons.

This morning, the Independent Television Commission will give its annual demonstration in regulating for social responsibility when it pronounces judgment on the performance of those television services under its thumb: ITV, Channel 4, GMTV and Teletext

If leaks are true, the ITC is going to tell the 15 regional companies which form ITV (or Channel 3) to try harder

to serve their regions as well as the national network. And it probably will get results, as it did will two years ago when it told when it told Carlton and GMTV that they ought to be ashamed of the poor quality of what they offered

the network.

ments to the new Broadcast-

ing Bill, after 1997, make this

possible don't expect to be

seeing the likes of Dennis

Potter's work on ITV. Regu-

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Better English Cam-paign is, like the best

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job - or, at least a job, or a

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is not the mother There is no mystery on how tongue. The perplexing difthe ITC does it. The commisferences between American sion, through Parliament, and British journalism were holds the power to give and aired entertainingly last take away licences, and to week at a conference held by the University of London's Institute of United States scold and fine those licenceholders who do not meet their public-service obliga-Studies. Many reasons were tions. But no regulatory offered to explain why Ameragency can be better than the ican journalism is solemn law it is given to enforce. The and the British checky. But Broadcasting Act of 1990 was a mess. The stipulation that no one pointed out that the two forms of journalism use ITV licences be auctioned to English in entirely different the highest bidder worked ways. In a nation of immiagainst the public interest. grants, irony does not go a The ITV network has to long way, nor does the subjunctive. Neither do pundraw big audiences to please its advertisers. The 15 comning slogans like "Go to panies have to pay £400 Work on an Egg". Trevor million a year to the Trea-McDonald and his wellsury as a consequence of their auction bids. That money should be going into wishers have embarked on a hard task. Theirs is not just to teach simple English but programmes, not to the standard English, based on Treasury. But even if amendrules, keeping pure the well-spring which the rest of the

> BBC and the paranormal continues. The reports in its news round-up of April 16 that a long series of unusual events at BBC Inverness have prompted an investigation by psychic Daphne Ploughman. After studying various phenomena - sightings of a woman in grey, possibly in mourning: unexplained screams; and the sound of heavy footsteps going through a closed door — Ms Plough-man concluded that the BBC building is one of "great psychic activity, which has possibly been disturbed by recent decorating work". Undoubtedly a BBC commissioning editor is already on

world will dilute to its taste.

Keep politics out of vaudeville

Roy Hattersley believes that politicians should refuse to play the TV soundbite game

o not tell me that television compensates for the shortcomings of newspapers by allowing politicians to speak directly to the people. I believed that once. But that was before i spent hours of my life on Palace Green somewhere between the Henry Moore sculpture and a nervous breakdown.

Let me remind you what happens there. The reporter asks the politician to describe the new policy as briefly as ressible. The politician responds to the request and is told that his statement was admirable in every way - but slightly too long. He tries again but still exceeds his ten seconds. Arguments about the problems of compression are met with the invincible but the news bulletin is barely 20 minutes long, only five minutes will be devoted to politics. two political subjects must be covered, other parties must have their say, and each participant has to be identified. "So, when we're doing the recording, will you walk to-

wards the camera for an establishing shot?" Do not tell me that television makes up for the inadequacy of newspaper coverage of serious politics.

Indeed, in this week when Panorama officially became a char show. it is easy to argue that television ac-

celerates rather inclination to confuse politics and vaudeville. Too many television and radio commentators see themselves as per-sonalities in their own right performing to their own fol-lowing. This is not a criticism of the tough interview - about which only the feeblest of politicians complain. Humphrys and Naughtie actually do encourage politicians to talk about serious issues. But some commentators think of

Peter Riddell and

Robert Worcester

observe a change

of political heart

among the reading

public since 1992

people during the first three months

of this year, the poll shows that the

among readers of traditionally Con-

servative inclined papers such as the

The Daily Telegraph, Daily Express.

Daily Mail and The Sun. The

biggest switch - 24 per cent from

themselves as partners in a double act — with the politi-cians as straight men feeding them the punch lines. My example of that syndrome comes from the work of Jeremy Paxman - who (let me say in case vengeance is suspected) always treats me with a courtesy which makes me fear that I have become too old and frail to bully. He was not so kind a month ago to Emma Nicholson.

The doctrine of the mandate and the manifesto is inconsistent with a Member of Parliament who has been elected as the nominee of one party changing allegiance without resigning and fighting a byelection. During the week that Miss Nicholson left the Tory party and joined the Liberals. she was interviewed on interviewed on everything. But I foolishly hoped that Newsnight would be the programme that asked her to comment on the constitutional propriety of being elected on the promise to cut taxes and

then voting to increase them.

Instead, Mr Paxman quoted

some of Miss Nich-

olson's criticism of

Conservatism and

then asked: "Why

don't you come

clean and admit it

for what it was,

pure opportun-

Long ago, some

of us were taught

that the only ques-

tions that have any

The media game will reduce Labour's chances of winning'

meaning are those which are susceptible to more than one answer. But I doubt if even Mr Paxman hoped for Miss Nicholson to answer: "Fair cop, guv. You've got me bang to rights. I am a cynical opportunist." He was performing. And in her solemn rejection of the accusation, Miss Nicholson was performing too. The result was vaude-ville — with Mr Paxman as star and Miss Nicholson as full supporting cast. Showbiz

is no alternative to sensible





That is why I felt so strongly this week that Labour's local government campaign launch should not have begun with a recording of the Tory party chairman losing his temper on the radio accompanied by staged laughter from the party's media advisers. In the long run, Labour is not going to win elections because of the inadequate personality of its opponents. It is going to win because of the superiority of its policies. And the more the party co-operates in the media game, the more the media game will reduce its chances of

base that firm conclusion around the single word "gaffe". It seems to me that what both Clare Short and John Prescott said last week about taxation was of absolutely no political significance. Both comments

Readers switch support to Labour

CONSERVATIVES LOSE ACROSS THE BOARD

were blown up into stories in part because of the instinctive malice of some newspapers. But Labour's reluctance to talk about tax provided them with the opportunity. Nobody in

their right mind expects an announcement of tax rates. Indeed, one of my few parliamentary successes was when I asked Geoffrey Howe what the standard rate would be if his party won the election and he told me was the most stupid question be had ever heard. It

was a question which Kenneth Baker had asked Labour to answer at five consecutive press conferences. The rule still holds good. But that is not the same as arguing against a bold statement of

18.5

general principles. Where Labour leaves a vacuum, all the tricks and connivances of a basically arcane system are used to the party's disadvantage, including the last refuge.

editors, a headline

'Showbiz is no alternative sensible debate'

tween politicians and political jour-

of desperate subday's news.

that proclaims another gaffe. There are immense dangers for radical parties in becoming en-meshed in the ar-WHERE CAN YOU FIND ... cane game that

nalists. We can, in the short term. believe ourselves to be superprofessional — contradicting their errors of fact, refuting their malicious allegations and making cutting off-the-

characterises

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who step out of line. But in the end, a radical party succeeds or fails according to the strength of its ideas - not the success with which, in the idiom, it puts a spin on the

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Based on interviews with 17,296 compares with an 18.5 point swing by

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the public as a whole The fall in Conservative support among readers of these papers underlines the disillusion of previous Tory loyalists with the performance of the Government. In the case of readers of most papers there has been a direct movement from Tory to

biggest swings against the Tories since the 1992 election have occurred Labour. The swing against the Tories has been an above average 22.5 per cent among readers of The Times, though

this could also reflect the impact of the big jump in circulation since 1993. Just over two fifths (42 per cent) of current readers of The Times say they would vote for the Tories, as against nearly two thirds of readers at the time of the 1992 election. Just under two fifths (38 per cent) of readers now say they would support Labour. The balance of party lead has fluctuated within a few points over the last couple of years. This time support for the Tories among the readers of The Times has been lower than among

the readers of The Daily Telegraph

(still more than half), Daily Express and Daily Mail. Now, only 26 per cent of readers of the popular tabloids support the Tories, with 60 per cent backing Labour, and just 11 per cent choosing the Lib-Dems.
Among readers of centre-left newspapers, such as The Guardian and The Independent, there has been a

big shift from the Lib-Dems to Labour. While support for the Lib-Dems among the public as a whole has dropped by 4 percentage points since the last election, the decline is 13 to 14 points for readers of these two papers. Support for Labour has risen by 23 to 25 points, against 21 points

The same pattern is broadly true of readers of the Sunday papers.

 Voting-intention figures are based on interviews with 17.296 adults between January and March and exclude those who said they would not vote (10 per cent), were undecided (7 per cent) or who refused to name a party (3 per cent). The comparision is with 22,726 people interviewed dur-

ing the 1992 general election. Robert Wortester is founder and chair-man of MORI and Peter Riddell is political columnist of The Times.

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66 Tories vote against EU court

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Children who start school too young

Many parents are treating their children like young animals, sending them to nursery schools while they are still in nappies, the head of an independent schools association claimed. She feared for the future as many stayed with their mothers only while biologically dependent on them Pages 1, 4

Tycoon's rape charge Mercy killing case

The multi-millionaire media tycoon Owen Oysten raped two teenage models at his loth-century castle, Liverpool Crown Court was told. The girls had stayed Pages L 3 silent for years

Down to earth

Richard Branson floated down to his New York shop in a balloon, showing the same indifference to danger when questioned about a former employee's sexual harassment claims.. ...Page 3

Schools surge

Independent schools have ended their recession with an influx of foreign boarders and a boom in private education for the underfives producing the first rise in pupils since 1991...

A Tory backbencher told a court

that a journalist who is now Tony

MP tells of smear

Blair's press secretary conducted a campaign to destroy his

reputation. Lost ball Helmut Haller, the West German footballer who grabbed the ball at the end of England's 1966 World

Cup final victory, has admitted

that he has lost itPage 6

Actress wins

The American actress Stefanie Powers received an apology in open court and damages from The Sun over a defamatory

The husband of a coma patient in Scotland's first right-to-die case has spoken of his love for his wife and of the stress that the court battle to allow her to die has

The Bard had cancer

A German professor, working with detectives and medical experts, has bolstered her theory that Shakespeare suffered from a rare form of cancer, lymphoma of the tear gland Pages 11, 19

Yeltsin in the lead

President Yeltsin has surged to the lead in Russian election opinion polls, overtaking Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party Page 12

Italian manoeuvres

Romano Prodi, leader of Italy's Centre Left, approached the Communist Refoundation Party and the separatist Northern League as he manoevered to form a government. . Page 13 Syrian snub

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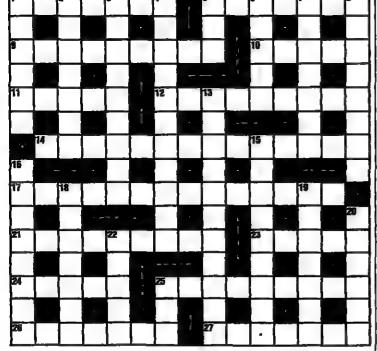
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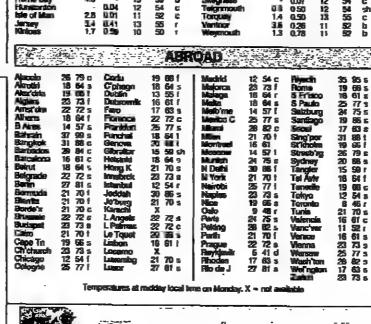
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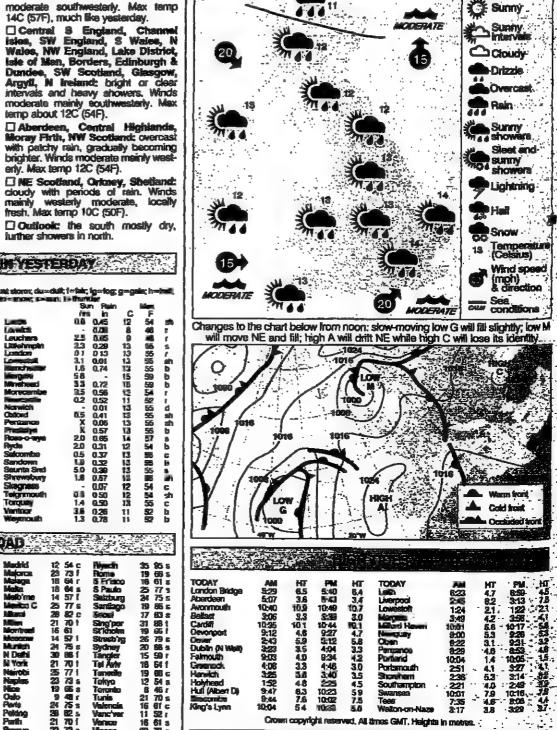
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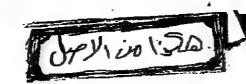






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CBI gloom on industry standstill

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

Confidence flat but upturn expected in longer term

BUSINESS leaders painted their gloomiest picture of the state of UK industry yesterday when they said that manufacturing activity had failed to pick up and was now at a standstill, while business

confidence was continuing to fall. The findings of the latest quarterly industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, rested mainly on persistently excessive stock levels and were worse than the City had been forecasting. Although manufacturers are pre-dicting improvements, recent CBI studies have shown such expectations to be largely unfulfilled.

Output and total new orders remained flat in the CBI's April survey, which also showed confi-

dence dipping for the fourth successive quarterly report.

Employment in manufacturing fell at its sharpest rate for two years, but there was what CBI leaders described as an "encouraging" trend on costs, with prices increas-ing by less than was expected and the growth in unit costs slowing more rapidly.

Adair Turner, director-general of the CBI, suggested that the longerterm prospects for the economy were still improving, with the CBI expecting an upturn in the economy later this year.

However, the CBI gave a warning that, on the basis of the

survey, interest rates should neither be cut nor raised. While they accepted that many manufacturers might well welcome a further cut in rates to help their own economic positions, the confederation suggested that most companies knew that a further rate cut would not help the economy overall, and so should be

Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank and of the CBI's economic affairs committee, acknowledged: "We are experiencing a period of static manufacturing activity, reflected by flat orders, particularly in export markets that have been the backbone of recovery over the past few years." However, he insisted that beyond manufacturing, other evidence from retailing and the financial services sector, for instance, suggested that the economy as a whole was now performing better than it had been.

Among the main findings of the CBI survey were:

Output: Total output fell back from a net balance - companies reporting an increase set against those recording a fall - of 6 per cent in the last survey to zero now, the lowest since October 1993. Fourteen per cent net of manufacturers expect output to rise. ☐ Orders: Total new orders also stood at zero, marginally up from -1, with domestic demand up slightly at 3 per cent, though exports were also

☐ Stocks: The CBI said that stocks had built up as a result of the slowdown in demand, and that the currently high level of stocks "pose a risk to the strength of economic growth over the rest of the year unless they are run down quickly". Such a high stock overhang may dampen manufacturers' ability to expand output if demand rises. ☐ Jobs: Employment in manufacturing fell over the past four months at the sharpest rate since April 1994. Questioned on the

scepticism expressed privately by Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, about the Government's own figures suggesting a continuing growth in manufacturing jobs. which was revealed in a leaked internal Whitehall document yester-day, CBI officials would only say. diplomatically, that they expected the Government's figures to be revised in the future.

Confidence: Business optimism fell back again, for the fourth successive quarter, though the -3 per cent balance was a smaller fall than manufacturers had expected.
Confederation analysts suggested

that reasonably firm investment intentions in plant and machinery indicated that companies remained fairly upbeat" about prospects for the year ahead.

Bob Reid, failed to manage

effectively the new formats alongside old formats, such as

Saxone and Freeman Hardy

Willis, which have been sold.

mats. Mr Strong said: "We had too much stock in the first

half and too little in the second." Remedial action has

been taken but the effect will

The clothing division, which encompasses Wallis, Rich-

ards, Miss Selfridge, Ware-

house and Adams, saw profits

while profits from Freemans.

the home shopping operation, fell 8 per cent to £38 million.

Trading in the first ten weeks of the year was de-pressed with like-for-like sales

falling 3.1 per cent, with the largest decline of 8.3 per cent

at Freemans. In spite of the de-

clining fortunes the group

held the final dividend, due

July I, at 2.9p, making an un-

changed total of 3.95p for the

take time to feed through.

Referring to the new for-

Delay over **CINman** sale could cost £50m

THE Treasury and the coalminers' pension funds stand to lose at least £50 million because of the continued delay in the sale of CINMan, the company that looks after the two schemes on which more than 550,000 miners and staff have a ciaim.

process of selling its business operations, said yesterday that details of the future of the £17 billion British Coal staff scheme and the Mineworkers Pension Scheme, were being discussed with a number of interested parties and an announcement would be made

"in the next few weeks". It is understood that the purchase price being dis-cussed between British Coal and potential CINMan bidders is about £25 million. compared with the £75 million offer believed to have been tabled by Friends Provident,

the UK insurer, late last year. Of the £75 million, roughly two-thirds would have gone to the Treasury, with the remainder being divided between the

than four months have now elapsed since it was first confirmed that Friends Provident, which manages some £15 billion of funds, was in exclusive talks to The UK insurer, which is

now in preliminary discus-Prudential, had beaten off a final rival bid by Sal Oppenheim, a German company. The CINMan talks with

Friends Provident foundered earlier this year on opposition from within CINMan and among the trustees of the two pension schemes. Broadly,members of the

staff scheme backed the pioneer of the Stewardship ethical funds, while trustees of the miners' fund favoured Sal Oppenheim. Last month, Barry Southcott, the managing director of CINMan, left

CINVen, the highly rated venture capital arm of CINMan, was sold to its management last year in a deal believed to be worth less



Liam Strong, left, and Sir Bob Reid after yesterday's £273 million turnround into the red

Harvey Nichols in huge demand

By SARAH BAGNALL

the quality Knightsbridge store that is seeking a stock market listing, have been 15 times oversubscribed at a price that values the company at £148.5 million. Institutions are being offered shares at 270p - 30p above the top end of City forecasts.

Dickson Concepts, the Hong Kong branded luxury goods group, is selling 43.6 per cent of Harvey Nichols in order to release finance for

The store's directors are forecasting a 52 per cent leap in pre-tax profits from £6 million to £9.1 million in the year to March 30. However, the tax charge is expected to leap from £850,000 to £3.3 million as the group is no longer able to utilise losses incurred in earlier years. Sales

POLITICAL tension between Britain

and Saudi Arabia over Muhammad al-

Masari, the Saudi dissident, is costing

tional said yesterday.

SHARES in Harvey Nichols, million to £90.1 million. Last month Harvey Nichols, where Joseph Wan is chief executive,

> into stand-alone Tempus, page 30

said it intends to open

smaller regional stores and



Crest to be investigated by OFT

By OUR CITY STAFF

CREST, the Stock Exchange's new electronic share settlement system being developed by the Bank of England, is to be investigated by the Office of Fair Trading.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading. said yesterday he wants to see Stock Exchange trades published immediately they are dealt.

He told the all-party Treasury Select Committee, currently conducting an inquiry into the future of the Stock Exchange, that he wanted to see 75 per cent of trades published immediately, 95 per cent within one hour and all trades published within 5 days. He said it was up to Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-

cellor of the Exchequer, to decide eventually how trades would be published.

had to be considered. His comments

follow a claim by Davy, the equipment maker, that it had lost a \$1 billion steel

plant contract because of Saudi anger

at Britain's handling of the case. The

dissident has been allowed to stay in

Institutions back BET bid defence

BY ALASDAUR MURRAY

BET'S defence against Rentokil has received a major boost, with three more institutions pledging their support against the £2.1 billion hostile bid.

Yesterday's declaration of support was made as Rentokil moved to spend £130 million to snap up a 6.8 per cent stake in BET. However, BET revealed that fund management groups Prudential, which holds a 5.26 per cent stake, BZWIM (2.91 per cent) and Hermes (1.57 per cent) had all undertaken not to

accept the bid. Last Friday, BET's largest shareholder, M&G, which holds 7.5 per cent of the share capital, said it would reject the takeover and heaped praise on the management skills of John Clark, chief executive. A total of 17.25 per cent has now been pledged in favour of the BET

management. Remokil paid 202.5p a share

Exchange. The market, which cut Babcock's shares 15½p to 113p, marked for the stake - equivalent to the cash price of the offer. The company said that the share purchase had helped increase market confidence in the bid.

Rentokil said the support from these institutions for BET came as "no surprise". It said that the institutions involved traditionally supported incumbent management, while parts of the holding were indexed and could not be sold. Clive Thompson, Rentokil chief executive, said: "We remain confident of victory but

not complacent." Rentokil has offered nine Rentokil shares and £10 in cash for ever 20 BET shares. as well as a 4p dividend. Shares in BET rose 4p to

205.5p, 3p above the cash offer

price. Rentokil shares closed

up 5.5p at 358p, pushing the

Dissident row blamed for lost orders lem in a profits warning to the Stock

minute against previous indications.

Babcock, which recently lost a £70 down the prices of a large number of companies, including British Aeromillion order for a gas plant, is no longer tendering in Saudi Arabia. space, Vickers, GEC and Rolls-Royce, GPT, the telecommunications systems supplier, will today announce a

Tory turning point, page 32 Bleak outlook

loss of £120m By Sarah Bagnall

at Sears after

SEARS, the sprawling retail group that ranges from Selfridges department stores to Freemans catalogues, yes-terday revealed a sharp fall into the red and a bleak picture of current trading.
The group suffered a £273

million swing in fortunes from a pre-tax profit of £153.8 million to a loss of £119.7 million in the year to January 31. Sales rose 8.9 per cent to £2.3 billion.

The downturn reflected one-off costs of £219.8 million as a result of the group's year, together with reduced operating profits from all the group's divisions with the exception of Selfridges.

British Shoe, the group's biegest division, saw profits fall 80 per cent to £7.5 million on sales down 2.2 per cent to £604.8 million. Liam Strong, chief executive, blamed the fall on "an unfriendly retail climate and a poor performance by Dolcis" and stock problems at Shoe City and Shoe Express, its new shoe formats. The group, chaired by Sir

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Power slump

Electricity stocks lost some sparkle yesterday as experts said the market was largely ignoring political pressure on the Government to block two controversial power takeovers. National Power dipped as the odds on Southern Company, America's bigges utility, getting its proposed £8 billion-plus bid for National Power off the ground appeared to be growing longer. Stock market 30

Bank sale

Standard Chartered has reached an agreement in principle to sell its international private banking arm to Swiss Bank Corporation for an estimated Tempus, page 30 | £150 million. Page 32

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engineering orders, Bahcock Internathe UK for four years after a deporta-tion plan was withdrawn. with strong exposure to Saudi Arabia.

Although Babcock has not been told After the engineering group said that it If Saudi Arabia is stonewalling Saudi order for phone cards expected directly that orders were lost because of had lost \$220 million worth of orders over British companies the financial toll to be worth up to £3 million. the Saudi annoyance at the UK, Mr the past six months, John Parker, chaircould run into billions of pounds. Parker said business experience in the man, said the economic impact of the Babcock highlighted the Saudi prob-UK's hospitality towards Mr al-Masari country, which usually accounts for 6 per

CBI blames

not Europe

for jobless

it wants to implement.

did not primarily oppose the social chapter because of the

two measures so far intro-

duced under it, on parental leave and on European-style

works councils - though he

said that both were too pre-

scriptive. Its opposition rested

on the process of the social chapter, which "over time"

could lead to the imposition of

some of the labour market

rigidities seen in some individual EU countries. He rejected Labour's plans

for a national minimum wage.

insisting that there were "bet-

ter ways to fight the impact of low pay" through in-work benefits and tax changes,

though he welcomed Labour's

changes to a "more pro-mar-

ket and business-friendly tone

Laura D'Andrea Tyson.

President Clinton's national

economic adviser, told the

Industry Forum conference —

a body set up to promote links

between Labour and business

was now pursuing a "third

way" between the European

model of regulated labour

markets and the traditional

American deregulated model.

ty, Dr Tyson said the US was

introducing moves to increase

people's "pay cheque, employ-

securities". She said it had so

far produced growth forecast

at about 2.5 per cent, 8.5

million new jobs since 1992 —

and cited a US Government

study showing that two thirds

of the jobs created were "good

jobs" in areas of employment

at above median wages.

Dr Tyson urged the UK to

follow such a third way while

dismissing ideas that inflation

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TUC and CBI urged to join for training

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday urged Britain's business and trade unions to join together to promote new standards of training at work.

The move by Gillian Shephard, the Employment and Education Secretary, came as she took the unusual step for a Conservative Cabinet minister of speaking to a union conference on training and lifetime learning. Some left-wing union leaders drew an unfavourable parallel

BUSINESS acknowledged

yesterday that Europe's lab-

our market problems stem

from individual countries' em-

ployment laws and costs rath-

er than any changes imposed

The statement by Adair Turner, Director-General of

the Confederation of British

Industry, was seized on by

Labour leaders as an acknow-

ledgement by industry that

European regulation, such as

the EU social chapter, is less

harmful to business and jobs

than the Government claims. While the CBI leader made

clear business's continuing

opposition to the social chapter and to Labour's declared

intent to end the UK's Mass-

tricht Treaty opt-out from it, he struck a careful line about

its impact, rejecting both the

idea that the opt-out is heart-

less and damages British

workers' employment condi-

tions and that accepting the social chapter "would lead to

an immediate and catastrop-

hic collapse of British competi-

tiveness". Neither view, he

said, survived close analysis.

Labour leaders at a conference

on Labour and business earli-

er addressed by Tony Blair.

rejected the claim that social

initiatives from Brussels were

responsible for the high unem-

ployment and low job growth

He said: "What is wrong

with continental labour mar-

kets is almost entirely the

product of national labour

laws, and nationally imposed

non-wage labour costs - not a

European-level imposition."

He rejected the idea - which

Conservatives claim Mr Blair

believes - that Britain will be

able to go into the social

chapter, and then "pick and

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European labour markets.

Speaking to business and

between Mrs Shephard's move and the current Labour Party leadership, wondering when was the last time Labour had called for a new deal between employers and unions, rather than seeking to distance itself from unions in favour of business.

In a speech to a TUC conference, Mrs Sheohard was favourably received when she emphasised the importance of training to improving Britain's competitiveness, and said jobs would "inevitably" disappear as tastes, products and markets changed. She said the value of the

(IIP) initiative, a move which makes an award to organisations that have reached demanding standards of training and managing employees. Approving both CBI and TUC statements on IIP, she called for a

new partnership between the two to promote the IIP standard - a "public and practical joint programme" to stimulate employers and employees into pressing for IIP status.

She said: "Government is doing its bit. We are already putting £45 million behind IIP-related activities. I

who will today become the first TUC leader to address an annual conference of the Institute of Directors. immediately accepted the challenge, and said he would contact the CBI to

start establishing such a move. Mrs Shephard also gave warning that training and skills were the only way to avoid Britain being forced to compete with other economies on the basis of low pay — a charge unions and Labour have often made against the Government. But she told the

challenge you to do yours. John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, to compete on wages, we must compete on knowledge and skills."

David Blunkett, Labour's Shadow Employment and Education Secretary, told the conference that the Government, industry, unions and individuals had to "build a partnership to revolutionise training in Britain", adding that Labour will soon annoince proposals to promote its plans for individual learning accounts for young people — including the possibility of free credits for those achieving key skills.

Railtrack flotation winning support

THE £1.8 billion flotation of Railtrack next month was given a boost yesterday when it was revealed that more than 1.4 million people have ex-pressed an interest so far in buying shares by registering with share shops.

The sale of the company that owns Britain's rail infrastructure has attracted more interest than expected in spite of a lowkey marketing campaign and a backdrop of political un-certainty. A generous package of sweeteners, including share discounts and an early divi-dend payment, are believed to have stimulated interest.

Potential private investors are not obliged to register with share shops to be able to participate in the flotation but will be given more attractive terms if they do. About 140,000 of the 1.4 million have been automatically registered by banks or building societies.

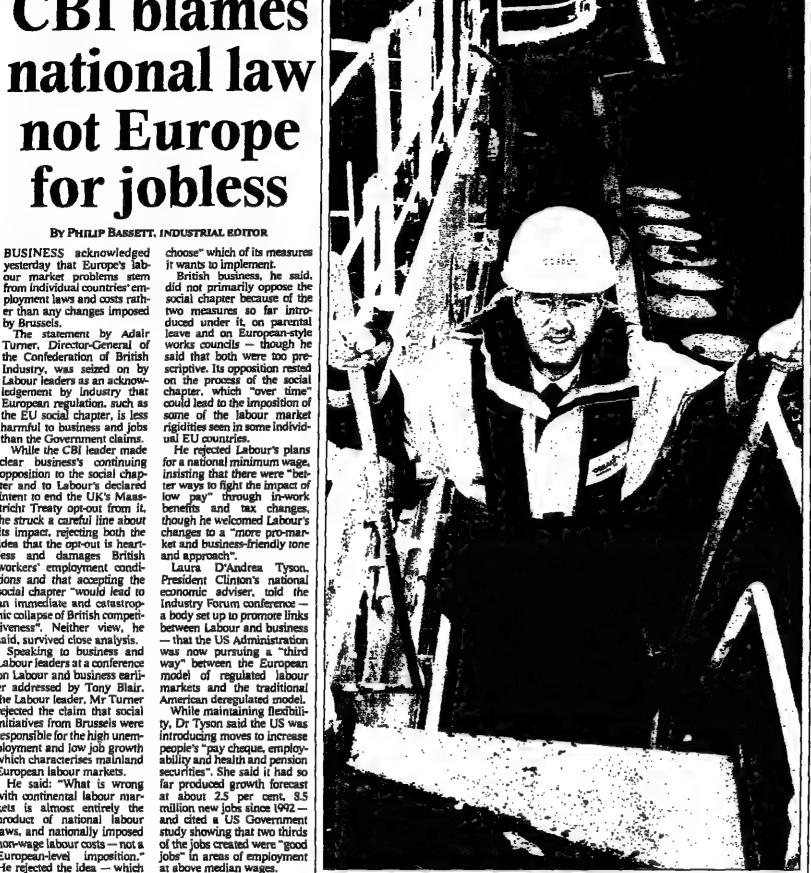
The registration period closes on Monday. City advisers have been surprised by the evel of interest. The final tally of registrations is expected to be about 1.7 million, compared with the 3 million who registered for the second-tranche ale of the electricity generating companies last year.

Mini prospectuses and application forms will be sent out to those who have registered in the second week in May and completed application forms must be in by May 15. The flotation is on May 20. investors can opt for a 15p discount off the price of shares

held until the second instalment, up to a maximum of £120 discount on 800 shares, ir choose to receive one donus share for every 15 shares up to a maximum of 80 free shares. The public will also receive a discount compared with the price to be paid by the financial institutions.

Ministers announced last week that shareholders would receive a dividend on their shares for the financial year ending March 1996, worth a total of £69 million.

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Bill Wood, managing director of Cosalt, the supplier of marine and industrial safety equipment, which yesterday said first-half pre-tax profits increased to £1.11 million from £828,000. The interim dividend is 3.6p, compared with 3.25p, payable out of earnings of 6.18p a share, as against 4.48p last time. The shares fell 7p to 166p

NatWest drive to keep down costs NATWEST, the banking group, yesterday advised that it

would continue to drive down costs, but said that it believed the economic outlook for the UK was for "slow but steady" growth. Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman, speaking at the group's annual meeting, said the growth in the amount of loans being agreed would be steady, but not, spectacular. The bank made profits of £1.75 billion in 1995. a 10 per cent increase on the previous year, and a 13 folds improvement on the £134 million it made five years ago

"Obviously this reflects in part the changing "TK" economic climate. We have come through a deep recession into a period of slow but steady growth. Jour Alexander told shareholders. "But it reflects even more the professional way in which we are managing our the professional way in which we are managing only business. We have a clear strategy, developed affect careful thought, and after learning from the tought experiences for the banking industry over recent years. Lord Alexander warned shareholders that the bank planned to cut the ratio of its costs to its income by 10 percent by the end of the century although he did not say whether this would lead to job cuts.

Closed societies

MORE building societies are barring their doors to outsides. The Cheshire, the 19th largest society is only taking investments within its North West operating area. Previously the society had imposed a £2,500 minimum investment limit to repel speculators from other regions. The Inswich, ranked number 46, has also restricted its accounts to castomers from four East Anglian postcodes: IP [Inswich], CO (Colchester), NR (Norwich) and CB (Cambridge). Some 24 small to medium-sized societies are now open to local residents only.

Rothschild defection

NM ROTHSCHILD has suffered a serious defection with the resignation of Michael Phair, who headed up privatisation work in Eastern Europe and other emerging markets. Mr Phair is to join UBS, where he will jointly head up the Swiss bank's telecommunications group alongside Michael Lehmann. Hisdeparture is a serious blow to Rothschild, which sees its role as adviser to government in emerging markets on the privatisation of state-owned assets. A spokesman for UBS said the bank regarded telecommunications as a key area to develop.

Trade teams stand by

EUROPEAN UNION member states will decide tomorrow whether to call an emergency meeting of trade ministers in Geneva next week. EU sources said the committee of EU ambassadors would take the decision at tomorrow's regular weekly meeting. The emergency session would probably take place on Monday afternoon, just before the April 30 deadline for tying up the deal to open up world telecommunications networks under the unfinished business from the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

PIA names candidates

THE Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog for firms selling direct to the public yesterday announced the candidates to fill the boardroom places vacated by three practitioner directors whose term of office expires in July. Of the three names put forward by the PIA only Nicolas. Conyers, a partner in a Leeds firm of independent advisers, is a newcomer — to replace the retiring Tony Gordon. Peter Gray, chairman of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Society, and Kevin McBrien of NPI, the insurer, are up for re-election.

Alexandra beats slide

ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR, the office and factory uniform supplier, shrugged of deteriorating market conditions to increase pre-tax profits 23 per cent to £5.3 million in 1995. The total dividend rises to 6.5p a share from 6p, with a 4p final. Earnings rose 23 per cent to 10.3p a share. The expanding overseas sector brought in 9 per cent of the company's turnover. European sales grew by 20 per cent to £5.4 million. UK retail sales grew by 7 per cent to £10.8 million, and UK specialist sales grew 4.5 per cent to £46.7 million.

Volkswagen accelerates

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's largest vehicle maker whose marques span VW, Audi, Seat and Skoda, lifted net profit to DM116: million from DM13 million in the first quarter of 1996. Turnover rose by 15.4 per cent to DM24.5 billion and the number of: vehicles delivered increased by 14.6 per cent to 946,915. But the company said it expected sales and turnover for the full year to rise only slightly "owing to a hardening of international competition and weak economic growth" in key markets. Net profit would be only slightly higher than the DM336 million for 1995.

Digital profits leap 67%

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORP, the US computer manufacturer, lifted profits 67 per cent to \$124 million in the third quarter, its best performance for the period in six years. Earnings were 74 cents a share, up from 44 cents previously. Third-quarter revenues were \$3.6 billion (\$3.5 billion). Digital said revenues from its personal computer business were lower than expected during the third quarter, blaming a slowdown in the commercial market sector, competitive pricing pressure and higher levels of inventory in distribution channels.

Trentham Gardens sale

TRENTHAM GARDENS, the leisure park and tourist attraction near Stoke on Trent, is for sale. British Coal, which owns the 725-acre site, is selling it as part of a large property disposal and privatisation of non-mining activities. The sale of the gardens, which include a tract designed by Capability Brown, the English landscape gardener (1716-83), could provoke some local objections, with many residents regarding the area as a virtual public amenity. It is expected to fetch around E3 million.

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY TOUGHER consumer obligaimplement a marketing code

tions on electricity companies were yesterday set in train by the industry regulator in preparation for 1998 when households will be able to shop around for electricity.

Professor Stephen Littlechild will demand stronger codes of practice for vulnerable groups such as the elderly and sick and call for public statements on service so the 25 million households may compare performance. Customers will also be protected by a standard on contract terms so they can switch contracts with reasonable flexibility and choose a payment option.

His plans come as the electricity consumers committees are working on plans to of practice. They want electricity suppliers to abide by ethics either voluntarily or via the Electricity Association. General consumer pressure has grown for standards of

marketing and trading after the controversy over sales tactics used by Sweb, the southwest regional electricity company, in its marketing of gas supplies. Sweb was highly criticised for aggressive marketing of gas and later aban-doned its doorstep campaign.

Professor Littlechild's draft licence proposals for suppliers also outline the duty of regional electricity companies to set up metering operations to make the mechanics of compe-

Littlechild moves | Rover plans for on practice codes world expansion

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

ROVER is planning to launch a programme of expansion into more worldwide markets after announcing a 6 per cent increase in its world sales during the first three months of the year.

The UK car manufacturer promised a "stronger presence across South East Asia and South America" and a "more comprehensive representation in eastern Europe". The commitment to expan-

sion was given yesterday by John Russell, Rover's sales and marketing director, at the Turin Motor Show in Italy. Mr Russell said that worldwide Rover sales had totalled nearly 123,000 vehicles in the first quarter of 1996, while

growth in continental Europe

though he would not supply full details, Mr Russell said that Rover would "be entering - or re-entering with new products after years of absence - between 20 and 30 further markets around the

While it plans expansion abroad, Rover is looking to sell fewer, but more prestigious, vehicles in Britain as it moves more upmarket. Last month, BMW said

Rover had incurred a £150 million loss last year under German accounting conventions, while under UK methods it would have shown a £91 million profit before interest and tax - a rise of nearly 10

Publicans anxious about change to beer distribution rules

Brewers win EC reassurance on tied pubs does not harm the beer trade within the



FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN RRUBSELS

THE European Commission has reassured British brewers that it will listen to their reasons for keeping UK pubs outside European Union competition law before taking a stance on the issue.

A Commission source, who is close to Karel Van Miert. European Competition Commissioner, said that a delegation of British brewers had been told that a meeting of European experts would be arranged "either before or after the summer". At issue is the renewal of rules that exempt beer distribution agreements from EU competition rules. The so-called block-exemption, which also covers petrol stations, will end at the end of 1997.

The Brewers and Licensed Retailers

Association (BLRA), which met Mr Van Miert in Brussels on Monday, wants the exemption to be extended for a minimum of 15 years. It says its members account for more than 98 per cent of the British beer market and own 36,000 pubs.

British pubs are often owned by brewing companies, which restrict tenants to selling their own brands and that of one competitor. BLRA argues that the current system allows small brewers to compete with larger companies, benefits retailers who need little capital and gives consumers a good choice at low prices.

The UK consumers enjoy the lowest pub prices in the major beer drinking European Union countries." BLRA said in a report handed to the Commission by Paul Nicholson, the chairman. British brewers say the "property tie"

EU. But the Commission is running a longstanding investigation of complaints from pub tenants about lease arrangements imposed by pub owner Innterpreneur Enterprise, a subsidiary of Australia's Foster's Brewing Group. They particularly objected to paying more than free pubs supplied with the same beer.

British brewers' fear that the EU will question the way one of Britain's most venerable institutions is run, arises from work in the Commission's competition services on a consultation paper on whether rules governing distribution agreements in general should be changed. The so-called green paper on vertical restraints was due to be adopted in March, but the most optimistic forecasts are that this will now happen in June.



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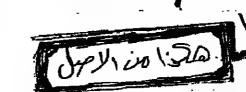
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A positive release of energy

Cl "BRITISH Energy: a powerful player in Britain, a growing force on world markets. Become a part of the energy industry of the 21st century. Write to this

the 21st century. Write to this address for your prospectus..."

Waffle, waffle, waffle, and not a mention of the N word — just for one moment it could all have been thus. One or two of the bright boys in bow ties and blue spectacles hidding for the heavy spectacles bidding for the heavy advertising campaign for this summer's £2 billion-plus floration of British Energy, which starts at the end of May, had advocated its strict abolition.

The dropping of "nuclear" from the new name for British Energy, which runs eight nuclear stations, provoked howis of amusement last year. The decision not to feature a single train in the promotion of Railtrack was equally hilarious. What further fun we could all have had with the Power Source that Dare not Speak Its Name.

Wiser counsel has prevailed, and those tempted to buy into the last privatisation for a while, if not forever, will know just what they are applying for. The wonder, as we survey the two bargain-basement sales of the summer, is that those sales will now almost certainly go ahead. When it became apparent last

year that the Government was going ahead with the sale of the nukes and the rail network, there were enormous doubts. The for-mer were terrifyingly dangerous, the latter deeply unpopular. What is more, the two were tied together by a timetable that required nukes to follow rail by a very short margin. The advisers simply priced the lot to go. Railtrack is being sold with an indicated price range

next Wednesday that should set the yield at above 7 per cent; British Energy ditto, probably. So BE will be a straight yield stock, throwing off cash to fund that yield from assets that are built and up and running. There are not even the political con-cerns that bedevilled Railtrack; Labour approves of the sale because the unions, strong in the nuclear industry, accept it. Even Greenpeace thinks, quite rightly, that a float would mean the end of the nuclear building

Today the syndicate of half a dozen banks to sell the shares

around the world will be announced. Their research notes will then dribble out starting in mid-May and, boy, will they ever be positive. The lead adviser, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, already stands accused of over-egging the nuclear pudding, particu-larly on the key issues of output, that is, what average percentage of all the plant will be up and running in future, and the direc-tion of prices within the electricity "pool". Some in the industry are concerned that power prices short-term are set to fall, bad news for British Energy. It will be interesting to see the syn-dicate's conclusions.

Brown blunders in loophole land

GORDON Brown's attack on tax accountants is fatuous. They can take it, and will doubtless claim it as a deduction. But the ranting Shadow Chancellor has missed the point. Where there is uncertainty, aggressive tax



advisers suggest their clients might like to take precautions. There is nothing more uncertain than the run-up to a likely change of government, especially when the would-be new regime understandably fails to spell out its tax plans in detail in advance.

To suggest that wealthier tax-payers should plan for the worst does not imply that Labour is studying Stalin's treatment of the kulaks as a post-election model. But who can be sure? The Tory switch to self-assessment, and all that goes with it, may oblige wealthier investors to pay more than il billion of tax early, amounting almost to a one-off

levy. A nasty tax surprise is much more likely to happen to you than a win on the lottery, whatever a party's stated incli-

Labour has repeatedly stated that it will crack down hard on tax avoidance by slamming shut loopholes. Admittedly, this was mainly an uncontentious ruse by Mr Brown to avoid talking about his real tax plans. But accountants and others would be cavalier to write this off completely.

Loopholes are the basic tools of tax advisers. As Mr Brown and other Labour speakers have of-ten confirmed, there is rarely a clear line between a loophole and an intended tax incentive. How about profit-related pay, or the generous rules for small firms and venture capital trusts? Occasionally, smart advisers spot and exploit foul-ups in tax law. Most "loopholes" are just abuse of intended reliefs.

Before each Budget, accountants send out action lists covering possible changes. Taxpayers who follow them blindly, without who stick their heads in the sand are likely to end up like investors

Battle lines drawn

 AT LEAST they had the grace not to blame the National Lot-tery. But there was immediate suspicion on the stock market that accident-prone Babcock International was taking advan-tage of the well-publicised rift with Saudi Arabia to cover all manner of troubles elsewhere.

in the sand

This did not stop the shares of other engineers from subsiding in sympathy yesterday. Such culture clashes are inevitable one thinks back to the Pergau dam affair, or Death of a Princess. The Saudis and their like will genuinely never com-prehend why a state-licensed broadcaster, for example, can peddle any line not approved by the Government, and this un-certainty should be built into trade with such nations.

Babcock may indeed have lost \$200 million of Saudi work since September, but there can never be a proven link with the mischief made by one London-based dissident. There are plenty of other reasons for a profits shortfall this year, in Germany, America or wherever, and Babcock's inability to split out the

share prices of companies that

numbers tells its own tale.

If the escalation of the alMasari affair last week does lead to loss of Saudi business, then it is those who have yet to sign contracts who will suffer. British Aerospace's rolling warplanes programme should be safe, failing any complete breakdown in diplomatic relations, and like-wise Rolls-Royce's £200 million power station project. It is arms-sellers like Vickers, GEC and GKN that might worry.

Defence sources were last night indicating that, below the surface, it is business as usual with the House of Saud. The next clear pointer will come in June and July, when Vickers goes in to bat for 150 new battle tanks worth £500 million against an inferior French product. It may not only be the Challenger II that is on trial in the Arabian desert

St Ives seeks more acquisitions after surge to £19.6m

the commercial and direct response area, both on the Continent and in America.

After the collapse of the Net

Mr Emley said the company pre-tax profits to £19.6 million. The company, whose products range from bibles and conhad suffered from problems installing new equipment. "We have yet to gain the full benefits of improved efficiency sumer magazines to annual reports, raised sales 30 per cent but saw margins slip and productivity," he said. from 12.3 per cent to 11.8 per The company is in the final cent due to the effect of higher stage of a three-year £100 milsales of direct response maillion investment programme to ing products that increased the value of paper in the upgrade plant and he expects St lives to spend £30 million in this financial year.

company's turnover. St Ives' profits for the 26 weeks to January 26 include a Book Agreement, book sales £1.3 million contribution from increased in the UK but the Johler Druck, a German printer, specialising in magamagazine market was volatile due to fluctuations in paginzine inserts and catalogues acation. Music and multimedia quired last August for £15 million. Miles Emley, chairpackaging products were buoyant, particularly in The Netherlands and the UK. St man, said the company continued to see acquisitions in Ives financial printing busi-

ST IVES, the printing group,

is seeking acquisitions after a

25 per cent rise in first-half

nesses enjoyed a boost from the high level of takeover activity although international business was not as buoyant. Mr Emley said the level of business had not subsided but he questioned whether activity would continue at the same rate after a change of government."It looks a bit like a last final fling before the shutters come down," he

> St Ives had net cash at the end of January of £22 million and Mr Emley predicted that liquid funds would be slightly lower by the year end. The company is paying an interim dividend of 2.9p, up from 2.5p in the first half last time. Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 13.37p.

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Looking at home and abroad: Miles Emley, left and Brian Edwards, managing director

Southern cleared for bid

SOUTHERN Company, the US utility seeking a merger with National Power, Britain's largest generator, was yesterday cleared by the Takeover Panel to make a bid before its earlier indications (Christine Buckley writes). Southern had said it would not make a further move until Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, ruled on the bids by National Power and PowerGen, the smaller enerator, for Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity, the Recs. The panel said it was free to bid.

Salomon flourishes in the first quarter

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK PROFITS at Salomon Broth-

ers, the US investment bank, rebounded sharply in the first three months of this year, producing the third best quar-terly result in its history with net earnings of \$276 million. Although Salomon does not

split out its profits from pro-prietary trading — trading its own money on the financial markets - much of the increase appears to come from a substantial rise in profits from this area.

Salomon employees benefited from the strong results with remuneration costs during the quarter soaring from \$425 million to \$556 million. Global

investment banking and securities business soared from \$60 million at the same time last year to \$368 million, while net revenues increased 68 per cent to \$1 billion.

The company said that both sales and trading had per-formed strongly, with higher revenue from customer business as well as from the firm's own trading operations.

The equity business record-ed the heaviest fall during the quarter, down from \$152 million to \$60 because of losses on the bank's long-term equity arbitrage positions. Global investment banking revenues rose 53 per cent to \$181 million.

Lonrho faces block on deal

By Jon Ashworth

THE European Commission is expected today to block a proposed multi-million pound link-up between Lonrho, the hotels to mining group, and Gencor, the South African mining company. The deal would create one of the world's biggest suppliers of platinum, raising monopoly fears in the European motor industry. which uses platinum in catalytic converters. The intended merger of Impala Platinum, Gencor's

subsidiary, with Lonrho's platinum interests has been stalled since November pending the outcome of an EC inquiry. The deal has been approved by shareholders and cleared by South African competition authorities. In spite of that, commissioners are expected to bow to the motor

lobby and block the merger. A negative move by Brussels would complicate life for Lonrho, which plans to divest its mining interests. Gencor Lourho's founder.

has a 27 per cent stake in Lourho's platinum division. Developments will be watched closely by Anglo American, Gencor's rival, which has first pick of the bulk of Lonrho's mining portfolio. Anglo American last month took an option over 18.4 per cent of Lonnho shares, lifting effective control

to 28.5 per cent. include tribal chiefs in South Africa and Tiny Rowland,

Flextech in new channel deal

pany, announced yesterday that it has formed a joint venture to launch a digital satellite channel called Mundo Ole in Latin America (Eric Reguly writes). Flextech has invested £9 million for

a 32.5 per cent stake in the channel. Olê Investments and HBO Olé Partners, comprised of Time Warner Entertainment, Sony Pictures Enter-tainment and Olé, hold the rest. Mundo Olé will transmit in Spanish

general entertainment, news and

The digital TV market in Latin America is set for strong growth. DirecTV International, the satellite broadcaster, has just launched a service there. The News Corporation, ultimate owner of The Times, has formed a partnership to start a similar service.

Digital revolution, page 31

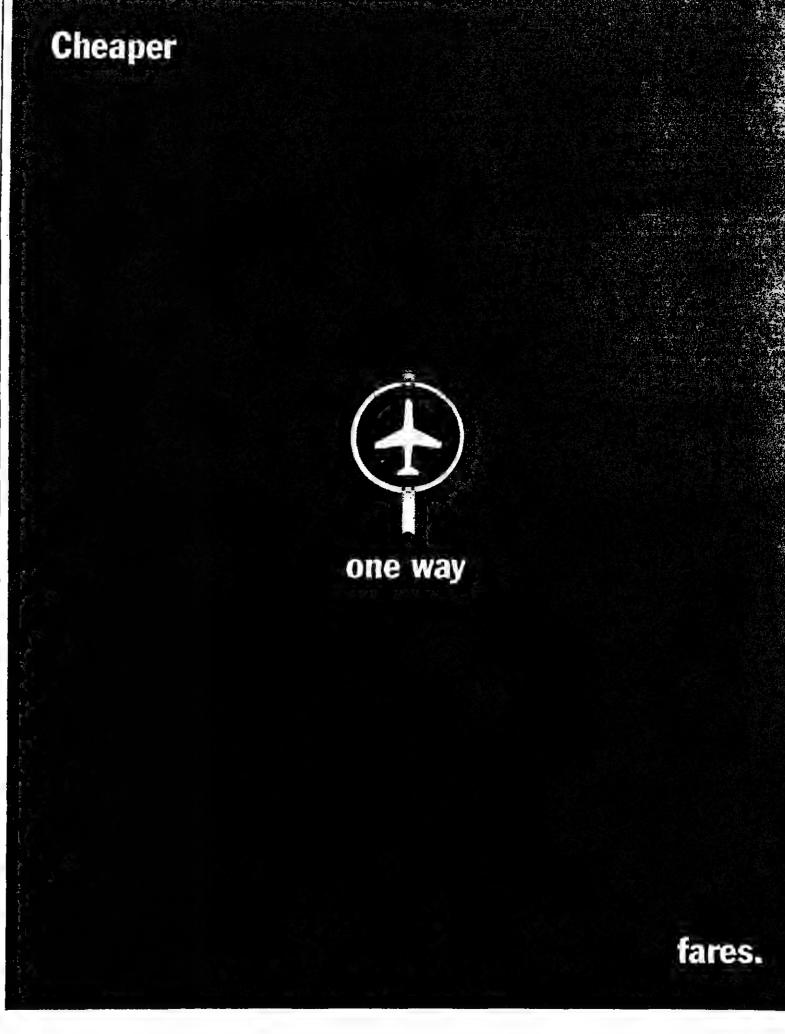
Midland director's £1.8m

A DIRECTOR of Midland Bank received £1.8 million in pay and pension contributions, making him the highest-paid director of a UK clearing

bank (Patricia Tehan writes). Herb Jacobi, who is chairman of the managing partners of Trinkaus & Burkhardt, Midland's 71 per centowned German commercial and merchant bank, was paid £1.24 million in salary and other remuneration, and £568,000 in pension contributions. He

director on January 27 last year. Mr Jacobi's pay was determined by a partnership-related profit sharing scheme. His pension contributions included a one-off charge of £432,000. The annual report does not disclose the contribution made by Trinkaus to

Midland's profit Keith Whitson, chief executive of Midland, saw his pay rise from £320,000 to a total of £429,000.



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NP's moves distance it from Southern's grasp

THE odds on Southern Com-pany, America's biggest utility, getting its proposed £8 billion-plus bid for National Power off the ground are growing longer by the day.

Shares of National Power fell 9p to 596p yesterday amid a growing realisation within the Square Mile that Southern may have missed its window of opportunity. National Power has not let the grass grow under its feet.

Since the American utility announced its intention of making a bid last week, the power generator has disposed of part of its generating activities to Hanson's Eastern subsidiary and on Monday outlined details of a generous agreed offer for Southern Electric, valuing the latter at £2.5 billion. By contrast Southern Electric rose 12p to 903p. Later this week, the Govern-

ment is expected to give the goahead for National Power's bid for Southern and PowerGen's offer for Midlands, down op at 411p, after the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission inquiry.
One leading broker commented: "It seems unlikely that the Americans will make a move now. If they were to bid, it's likely to be dependent on the offer for Southern Electric being aborted".

It now remains to be seen which of the utilities Southern Company will target next. London Electric, down lip at 844p, is seen as a possible candidate. It has linked with Houston Industries, another

The rest of the equity market continued to consolidate its position following last week's 90-point surge to a new alltime high. A gloomy CBI industrial trends survey. showing business confidence remaining at a low ebb, raised hopes that there was scope for another cut in interest rates. In the event, another positive start to trading on Wall Street enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close above its low for the day. It finished 19.7 points down at 3,833.0. Turnover topped the one billion mark.

There was renewed speculative buying of Ladbroke, with BZW said to be bidding for stock. The price firmed another 212p to 19612p, with changing hands. Dealers still expect a bid for the company. Thorn EMI was also chased price touching £18.46 as inves-

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Muhammad al-Masari is denting Saudi-linked shares

tors bought call options in the June £19 series. Once again talk of a bid refuses to die. It

ended 11p better at £18.38. Vodafone fell 812p to 25512p as Merrill Lynch, the broker, lopped £30 million from its current year pre-tax profit forecast. Lex Service jumped 10p to 358p after a positive presentation to institutional

Mayflower, the specialist engineer that makes the body panels for the new MGS car, stood out with a jump of 42p to 1124p on turnover of one million shares. This is in the wake of a visit by brokers to its Walter Alexander subsidiary in Scotland, which is now trading at a profit.

Full-year figures from Sears, the Selfridges and Freemans mail order retailer, made grim reading, with the group plunging into the red after making provisions total-ling £223 million after extensive restructuring.Pre-tax losses totalled almost £120 million compared with a profit last time of £153 million. The only bright spot was a strong

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It takes Rentokil's acceptances Last week M&G Investment

Management, BET's biggest shareholder with 7.5 per cent, threw its weight behind the board. It was joined yesterday by Prudential Portfolio Managers (5.26 per cent), BZW Investment Management (2.91 per cent), and Hermes (1.57 per cent). BET, 4p better at 20512p, continues to urge shareholders to reject terms of the £2.1 billion bid. Reatokil climbed 61ap to 3581ap.

Full-year figures from Bab-cock International will carry the scars of the political bustup between the Government and Saudi Arabia over Professor Muhammad al-Masari.

As a result the group is forecasting pre-tax profits of only £3 million after an £18 million trading loss and an exceptional profit of £21 million. The order booking currently stands at more than £400 million.

The shares responded with fall of 1512p to 113p as more than ten million shares changed hands. The news from Babcock also had a knock-on effect for other Saudi suppliers, with British Aerospace down 14p at 864p, Rolls-Royce 2p to 23812p, GEC 3p to 35512p, and GKN 13p to 979p.

Stordata Solutions, the computer software specialist. was left nursing a fall of 8p at 18p after warning the City that profits may fail to match

☐ GILT-EDGED: Investors were in a cautious mood ahead of today's £3 billion auction of Treasury 612 per cent 2006. London spent much of the day shadowing overseas bond markets, especially German bunds, where prices rallied after a hesitant start but failed to hold their best levels.

In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt finished just a tick lower at £106932 after trading in narrow limits for much of the session. A total of 47,000 contracts were

Among conventional issues, there was a modest steepening of the yield curve as treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £4 to £98, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 gained a □ NEW YORK: Oil shares

rallied to put the Dow Jones industrial average ahead and by midday it had added 7.23 points at 5,571.97.

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Closing Prices Page 99

Must try harder

LIAM STRONG resembles a rather weary schoolteacher in charge of a class of unruly children of mixed ability. No sooner has one problem child been sorted out than another comes bearing a bloody knee and a tear-stained face. What to do? Strong has reduced the class size in the hope that performance will improve and this will be reflected in the results presented to the demanding City

Gone are a myriad of shoe facias, such as Saxone and Curtess, and Olympus sports and Millets. All in all, £215.8 million of lossmaking assets were shorn from the group last. year in return for much-needed cash of £135 million. The City hopes that the class will shrink further, a wish that may be granted as the Hush Puppy brand is under review. In the case of Freemans, however, Strong is a buyer

not a seller - although there are few targets of

The benefits of last year's culling of the extensive Sears empire are still to emerge, as are the IT out-sourcing arrangements. But these are unlikely to have any impact for a couple of years. In the short-term the picture, looks bleak, with a disastrous performance at Dolcis and stock problems at the new shoe formats. Although remedial action has been taken more pain will be felt in the first half.

The market is giving Sears little relief: like. for-like sales fell 3.1 per cent in the first ten weeks, while home shopping fared worse with an 8.3 per cent decline. The only bright spot is Selfridges, but patience is wearing thin and unless Sears produces some solid improve ment, the governors may seek changes at this particular school.

Huntleigh

HUNTLEIGH Technology is an infuriating company. A smallish medical technology group, it was launched on the USM II years ago and is now worth more than £250 million. Earnings have grown at a compound rate of 30 per cent per annum and the shares trade on a multiple of almost 30 times.

Such ratings tend to be a lisincentive to invest; a potential buyer would normally wait for a setback or rights issue to pick up cheaper stock. But Huntleigh never obliges, the company beats every forecast and only once issued shares to fund an acquisition.

As a result, most investors watch from the sidelines frustrated by its high rating and a small float, with more than half the shares familyastonishing is Huntleigh's

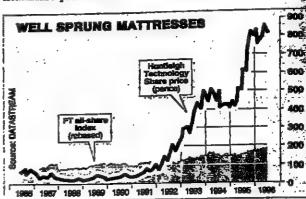
record of confounding its doubters.

highly engineered products, such as hospital mattresses that prevent bed sores and ultrasonic devices to measure blood flow. Its success lies in the fact that it is a small company supplying a global market. While healthcare providers in ma-

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ture economies become more penny-pinching, markets in Asia are demanding more sophisticated products. Hundleigh is reaching

size where growth rates may slow, but 20 per cent is still impressive and, more important tantly, it is generating huge amounts of cash. Such as well-managed machine deserves its rating.



St Ives

THE next time an advertising brochure falls out of your daily newspaper or a promo-tional circular flops unwelcomed onto your doormat, stifle your irritation and consider what a boon this is to

St Ives wants a larger share of this growing market - it already has about 5 per cent and last year acquired a German company which specialises in magazine inserts. The strategy is sound; advertisers are seeking more focused ways of targeting consumers, providing printers with a market growing faster than books or magazines. St lves has about 20 per cent of the book market but the collapse of the Net Book Agreement could make the business more insecure. Some analysts reckon booksellers

ducing demand for printing. High levels of corporate

itself under more pressure to spend its cash and another direct-response printer could prove useful.

year and earnings should see

double-digit growth but 1997

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The company may then find

Harvey Nichols

THE question on every investor's lips is what lies inside the silver-hued hatbox that decorates the cover of the Harvey Nichols prospectus. There are many theories: a chinese forturne cookie, a video of an old episode of Absolutely Fabulous, an Oxo cube.

The company's promoters would like you to believe the box contains a share in a company worth untold riches but there is a nagging suspicion in the City that the glossy packaging may conceal nought but tissue paper. Anyone tempted to be more

charitable needs only to giance at the key strenghs of Harvey Nichols, as summarised by Morgan Stanley in its prospectus. Top. of the list come words like 'image" and "exclusivity?, alarm bells to any sensible investor. Opportunities for growth from this one-store retailer lie in the hope that otherwise sensible Yorkshire women will stop shopping in Harrogate and visit the proposed Harvey Nichols store in Leeds. Otherwise there is eating out, where Harvey Nicks is establishing a Conran-style gastrodome in the Oxo tower and paying, it is reported, a very fancy rentfor a location in Southwark.

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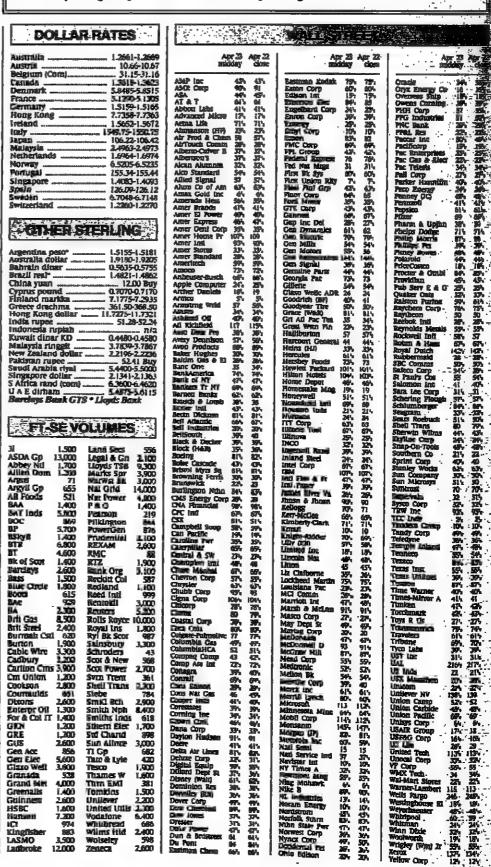
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The ultimate turn-off is the price, set at a rating vastly in excess of the stores sector. But what is even more worzying is the relation with the parent, Dickson Concepts, which owns a licence to sell clothes labelled-"Harvey Nichols" in Asia for the next 25 years. For that privilege it Nicks. You should pay nothing too.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES







Tories choose local boy

THE Tories have chosen one of Britain's richest men to fight the Labour stronghold of Barnsley Central at the next general

Barnsley-born Paul lykes, a Yorkshire miner's son turned property developer, who has a fortune estimated at the thick end of £220 million, owns (i) per cent of the much sought-after Meadowhall shopping centre in

The 52-year-old radical. who launched himself in the scrap business at the age of 17 with just £170. was one of the first big London Docklands.

Going North

SCOTTISH accents have persuaded Tesco to relocate its customer service centre to Dundee.

The supermarket chain has given warning to 150 Estuary English" employees, based at its headquarters in Hertfordshire, that they can either move to Dundee or the company will help them to find work

Fifty such call centres have now opened in Scotland by firms who favour the Scottish tilt for their

Riding high

CITY headhunter Jim Furlong, whose speciality is placing United States equity producers, is making up ground in his election campaign for a seat on the Racehorse Owners Association Council. The aptly named Furlong is one of ten candidates standing for election this summer but the man who was once paid United States equities sales manager in London, is confident the odds are in his favour.



Registering for shares in Railtrack is not the same as buying a ticket

Mandela calling

PRESIDENT Mandela has come to the rescue of a British businessman who has been trying for the past year to obtain a South African business permit. Michael McCarthy was almost packed by the time the call came from the President, who had read his letter of complaint in a local newspaper. The 41year-old, who has spent 500,000 rand setting up a small export business, was told to fax over the relevant paperwork to his secretary immediately.

Crystal clear

NATWEST has won over Chrissie Maher, director of the Plain English Campaign, who awarded the bank Crystal Marks for use of plain English in its annual review.

Such is their relationship that Peter Ham-monds, company secretary at NatWest, who has a letter published in today's Times, sent it first to Maher for a Crystal Mark of approval. Maher was at NatWest's annual meeting yesterday to register share holders' responses to the bank's use of English.

"One woman was so delighted, she said she even knew where the toi-lets were," chuckles Maher. "I couldn't wait to get out and put my money into NatWest shares."

MORAG PRESTON

Europe moves closer to the edge of a digital revolution

Eric Reguly looks to decode the

latest moves in the fast-changing

international television sector

The digital television revolution is about to grip Europe. The service is already available on a test basis in some cities and, within a couple of years, millions of viewers who considered four or five channels a luxury will be bombarded with hundreds of them.

The new technology may make video recorders seem quaint relics of the past. A service called near video on demand, made possible by the enormous capacity of digital transmissions, will allow viewers to see movies when they want without having to trundle off to the local Blockbuster. There will be a plethora of speciality and audio channels, round-the-clock sport, pornography, cartoons and educational

programming.

Media consultants say that digital TV delivered by satellite is the most lucrative new business opportunity in the media industry, and many of the biggest players in the sector are scrambling to get a piece of the action. Kevin Narain, a digital TV expert at Price Waterhouse, says: "It is the hot

topic of the moment."

The high interest in the sector was signalled last week when DirecTV, the digital broadcasting company owned by the Hughes Electronics subsidiary of General Motors, made it known that it intends to launch a European service.

The competition will be formidable. DirecTV will be pitted against some of the biggest names in the industry -Kirch and Bertelsmann of Germany, CLT of Luxembourg, Haves and Canal Plus of France and BSkyB of Britain. They all have plans to supplement their analogue services with digital broadcasting and are busy forming partnerships to get there first. BSkyB, 40 per cent of which is owned by News International, owner of The Times, has said it could start some digital services in Britain next year.

Winning the race will take a combination of careful planning, bold moves and above all, lots of money. The partnerships will have to lease transponder space on satellites, bid for content such as Hollywood movies and football, decide on which decoder technology to adopt for the set-top boxes, and put subscriber manage-Price Waterhouse says the costs could run into hundreds of millions of pounds.

What is the advantage of digital broadcasting? Choice, control and convenience, the industry's mantra, are the primary benefits.

A technological marvel called digital compression will make hundreds of channels available. Filling them will be the challenge. Certainly, the arrival of digital TV will trigger the development of dozens of speciality channels catering to every eccentric in the land. There will be channels for trout fishermen,



Digital TV delivered by satellite presents a lucrative opportunity

trainspotters, gardeners, twitchers and collectors of stamps and war memorabilia. There will also be audio-only channels, feeding jazz, blues and gospel music directly into your stereo

But consultants say that greater choice in the big three - movies, sport and sex - will be the real drivers of digital TV. A non-interactive service eo on demand. the same movie is beamed down separate channels at, say, 30-minute intervals, will allow viewers to see movies more or less when they want.

The possibilities in sport are endless. A subscriber could buy a package with channels devoted to American basketball or all manner of European football, such as the European Champions Cup. The more sophisticated digital set-top boxes will allow "impulse" pay-per-view purchases. Currently, pay-per-view customers must phone in their orders well before the

Eventually, channels devoted to electronic commerce, interactive banking and internet services will appear. DirecTV has already formed a division called DirectPC, which will use satellite transmissions to download vast quantities of information into personal computers. Mr Narain, of Price Waterhouse, says a service such as this "is the unquantifiable unside in digital TV".

are equally daunting. Developing the right technology for the digital set-top boxes is perhaps the biggest problem. Ideally, the boxes should be able to function anywhere in Europe and receive transmissions from competing broadcasters in both digital sateilite and digital terrestrial form. Pace Micro Technology, a British company that intends to float on the London Stock Exchange by the summer, is develop-ing a single decoder that can be used to unscramble both types of signals.

Getting it wrong could prove disastrous. Consultants estimate that such

apiece. At that price, viewers will want a box that will not have to be replaced in a year if the technology changes. And unless the prices come down, or are heavily subsidised by the broadcasters or the programme providers, the success of digital TV cannot be

In America, digital satellite TV is taking root at amazing speed. No sewer than four services — DirecTV, United States Satellite Broadcasting Com-pany, Primestar Partners and Echostar Corporation — are either up and running or planning to launch soon.

irecTV is the leader at the moment. Started 18 months ago by Hughes, the satellite communications and aerospace company, DirecTV has about 1.4 million subscribers and expects to double that number by the end of the year. It has 175 channels and owes much of its growth to its coverage of National Football League games. DirecTV's basic news, sports and movies package costs about \$30 a month. The satellite dish and the settop box can add another \$700 to the

In January, DirecTV received a vote of confidence when AT&T, America's biggest phone company, bought a 2.5 per cent stake for \$137.5 million, valuing it at a lofty \$5.5 billion even though no profits are in sight. AT&T has an option to boost its stake to 30 per cent over five years, depending on how many DirecTV customers it recruits.

Hughes has made international expansion a priority for DirecTV In partnership with four South American media and telecoms companies, an offshoot called DirecTV International has just launched a 200-channel Spanish and Portuguese service called Galaxy Latin America. It will compete with a similar service started by The News Corporation, Tele-Telecommunications Inc of America, Organizacoes Globo of Brazil and Grupo Televisa of Mexico. Next year, DirecTV Interna-tional plans to launch DirecTV Japan.

DirecTV International hopes to announce the formation of a European partnership in the near future. Celso Azevedo, senior vice-president, would not provide details but thinks the deep pockets of Hughes and its own track record give it a competitive advantage. He says: "We are the only digital TV company that has put together a system for millions of subscribers for more than 100 channels. We've done it in the US and in Latin America."

DirecTV International does not plan to challenge BSkyB in Britain because of its commanding position in satellite broadcasting. The market in continental Europe is wide open, but it will have to move quickly. NetHold, a Dutch TV d by Multichoice of South Africa and Richemont, the Swiss luxury goods maker behind Dunhill and Cartier, has already started a limited digital service and has obtained the rights to Italian soccer. It wants to expand in Europe.

Meanwhile, the big German and French media players are lining up their partners and their programming rights. Bidding wars for content are inevitable. You will see a lot of companies competing for some fairly scarce resources," Mr Narain says. The fight for the digital TV consumer

BUSINESS LETTERS

Plain speaking on the clarity of NatWest's annual reports

From the Company Secretary, NatWest Group Sir, Mr Penton, in his letter (April 18), commented on a few accounting pages in our annual review not carrying Plain English Campaign's Crystal Mark. Each year more and more

of our pages are earning the Crystal Mark This year over 80 per cent did. We hope this number will increase still further as we continue our pioneering work with Plain English Campaign. However, by law the accounting pages must contain certain technical terms and this is why the Crystal Mark does not apply to them. But we still take care to make these pages as clear as possible.

Many of the technical terms are explained in a glossary, which does carry the Crystal Mark. We wrote

to 5,000 of our shareholders asking for their opinion. They are overwhelmingly in favour of what we have done, and say using plain English is a real help. No shareholder has said they have found any difficulty in

understanding the pages.
As well as the annual review, our annual meeting notice and shareholders' voting card also carry the Crystal Mark.

We are also asking our shareholders to adopt a new set of Articles which will be the first Arnicles ever written in plain English with the Crystal Mark. We believe this demonstrates a genuine and growing commitment to plain speaking. Yours faithfully.

P. J. S. HAMMONDS, Company Secretary, NatWest Group, 1st Floor, 41 Lothbury, EC2.

Apprenticeships were hard but worth it

From Mr Gilbert Bealing Sir, T. P. Hartley was absolutely right to extol the benefits of the apprenticeship system to individuals and the state (Return to apprenticeships needed. March 28).

My working-class parents sacrificed family income in order to apprentice their three sons to mechanical engineering. To further our technical education my elder brother and I, for some three years and after a hard day's slog on the shop floor, pedal-cycled 24 miles return to the Guildhall, Bath, for two hours of evening classes. Three evenings weekly, all year round, all weathers and back to work at 7.30 next

My first year's wage was four shillings weekly, in 1922, rising to 19 shillings in my fifth year. Left-wingers would call this slave labour. but I felt privileged to be taught the groundwork of my future livelihood without premium charge for it.

With our first employer we progressed through site installations, drawing office and to area representative positions. My brother be-came a managing directorchairman and I the chief sales engineer for London, both posts by invitation from our second separate companies in mechanical han-Our non-studious middle brother became a superintendent toolmaker. The system certainly worked for us. Strangely, my main tutor at Bath was also named Hartley.

Yours faithfully GILBERT BEALING. St Michael's Cottage, 28 Digey, St Ives, Cornwall.

Change social attitude to unemployment

From Mr A. G. Phillips Sir. The one subject upon which the world's politicians have a consensus is the need to "cure" unemployment. Now we have Jacques Santer (EU launches \$1.3bn aid for small business, April 11) offering \$1.3 billion to create 30,000 jobs within the

community. Employment is a means to and merely providing yet more goods and services which people do not want, let alone need, is sheer profligacy. Not so long ago we needed child labour and slavery was rife. In times of crisis we needed press gangs and con-scription. Yet technology is taking the place not just of manual work, but tasks

which require great skill.

Even the defence of the realm is being achieved with

far fewer personnel. The advance of automation and computerisation is unstoppable, and pretending that we can continue to find jobs - real jobs - for all those

displaced is fanciful. Unemployment is not always to be deprecated. Without millions who give freely of their time, most valuable organisations such as chariments and even hospitals would collapse. What we need is not more boring. stressful and nugatory work schemes, but a change in social attitudes to employment and an imaginative alternative to income tax as a method of financing government projects.
Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY G. PHILLIPS, 32 Upper Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Tories arrive at a turning point over their conflicting views on employment

B usiness leaders forecast yesterday that employment in manufacturing is set to fall by a further 11.000 over the next three months. In its latest quarterly industrial trends survey, the Confedera-tion of British Industry said that the drop will follow a decline of 16,000 in the first.

quarter of this year. The story is the same from every business organisation: employment in manufacturing is falling. Yet the Government's official figures seem to be telling a different story: manufacturing employment is on the up — by 3,000 in February alone, and by 54,000

over the past year. Whitehall officials are unable to reconcile these two stories. But yesterday's leak of an internal document from lan Lang shows that the President of the Board of Trade is clearly saying some thing different, something in line with business's own view: that the number of jobs in Britain's manufacturing in-dustry is falling, and is likely to fall further in the run-up to

a general election.

A note by officials of the Department of Trade and Industry to William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, details what Mr Lang calls the "puzzle" of apparently sharply rising manufacturing employment at a time when output was static or falling — and ac-knowledges that this pattern contradicts business evidence from the CBI and elsewhere.

Manufacturing output is certainly flat - as the CBI's survey confirmed yesterday. Data from the Office for National Statistics shows that, while manufacturing output

Government statistics on manufacturing jobs have

been telling the wrong story, says Philip Bassett



William Waldegrave, left, and Ian Lang, trying to resolve "puzzle" of job discrepancies

grew by 6.2 per cent last year in the second half of the year in particular it tailed off to 2 per cent by mid-summer, 1.6 per cent by the autumn and to 0.6 per cent in January, the last available figures.

CBI and other survey-based figures from business tell a similar story, and though manufacturers are forecasting an increase in output, such expectations have been unrealised in each quarterly CBI survey for the past year -

what CBI officials call the

"disappointment gap".

According to the CBI, manufacturing employment has fallen throughout the 1990s, save for October last year when the net balance of companies reporting job cuts turned to a 3 per cent positive figure. Since then, the balance has plummeted, with yesterday's 14 per cent fall the sharpest for two years.

Although the Government's figures for the recession of the

early 1990s reflected that pattern, since mid-1994 they have been telling, slightly sporadically, a story of rising employment in manufacturing. Since June 1994, official figures suggest there have been five quarters of rising numbers of manufacturing jobs, and two

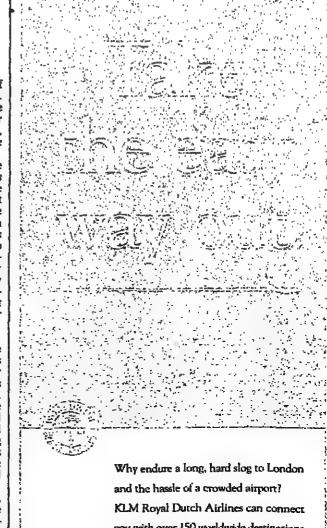
of jobs going — a net increase of 77,000 jobs. its separate monthly estimates say the same sort of thing - 14 monthly increases,

increase but a similar pattern). The quarterly Labour Force Survey, a household rather than employer-based sample, shows a rise of 112,000 in the year to last February.
Business economists have

suggested that such figures are suspect, and likely to be revised — the non-LFS ones at least - to bring them into line with what business has been reporting. That process is what Mr Lang now seems to be engaged on, with his officials suggesting that "either manufacturers are extremely optimistic about future prospects or that we should expect to see employment falling over the next few months".

fficials of the CBI are running out of words to describe the poor picture that its recent surveys are painting originally a "pause" in growth — before yesterday's survey officials did consider whether they could use the phrase "lengthening pause" - the CBI's reports were peppered with words like "flat", "level", "static" and standstill".

Hardly optimistic language, and suggesting that in the case of employment in manufacturing industry, it looks like business has been right, and the Government wrong. The process of turning round on such a point is awkward and embarrassing, especially newspaper front pages; but it may be that Mr Lang and his officials are listening hard to business — and suggesting that the Treasury, and the rest of the Government, do likewise, however awkward and



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John McCarthy, left, chairman, with Matthew Thorne, finance director of McCarthy & Stone, reported a rise in profits to £2.1 million despite problems over planning permission

Standard to sell private banking arm to Swiss

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

STANDARD Chartered has reached an agreement in principle to sell its international private banking arm to Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC) for an estimated £150 million.

The banks were forced to disclose their plans after news of the deal leaked in the Far East, where the private bank-ing operation is based.

Analysts estimated the price at about £150 million, based on a multiple of ten times the

Lapthorne

for AI

chairman

RICHARD Lapthorne,

the finance director of

British Aerospace, is to

replace Sir Edwin Nixon

as chairman of Amer-

sham International the

health sciences company.

has been a non-executive

director of Amersham

since 1987, will take over

after the company's an-

nual meeting in mid-

July. The move, how-

ever, does not signal a shake-up at BAe. Mr Lapthorne will re-

main as finance director

of BAe, where he has worked closely with Dick

Evans, the chief executive, in turning the com-

He has always said he

has no desire to replace Mr Evans. It appears

that Mr Evans will re-

main as chairman at

least until 1998, when the contract of Bob Bauman,

Sir Edwin, 70, was

appointed a director of

Amersham in 1987 and

became chairman a year

The company, which

specialises in healthcare

and diagnostics products, went through a

roller-coaster ride after

its privatisation but now

seems to have found its

footing. Sir Edwin said that Mr Lapthorne's

international experience

will be valued at the

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the chairman, expires.

pany round.

Mr Lapthorne, 53, who

its. Surprise was expressed yesterday at Standard's willingness to sell its private banking arm, given the obvious overlaps with the bank's Far Eastern personal banking However, Standard said: "It

is not one of our core activities. It has been run as an independent unit dealing with high net worth individuals. We are

division's £15 million contribution to Standard's pre-tax prof-

ould have had to increase its concentrating on where we have real strengths, which is investment in the private banking business if it had in retail, corporate and institutional banking, treasury and wanted to keep up with comcustodian services." petitors that were investing The business, which has 4,000 individual clients and substantial sums in new pri-

vate banking systems. The private banking operaabout £3.3 billion of funds tion was too small to compete with bigger names. But investunder management, has been managed as part of Standard's ment in Standard's personal investment banking business and priority banking opera-tions has been given a higher priority. In a joint statement. from whose clients it derived

Most recently, Standard agreed to sell 80 per cent of its loss-making securities operation to Thailand's Nava The two banks added that the sale was also in keeping SBC's strategy "of expanding its market share in an impor-

the banks said that the sale of

the private banking business was part of Standard's strate-

gy of focusing on key activities and followed the disposal of its

fund management, trust and

securities companies.

tant, key business and in what it considers one of the most attractive growth regions in the world". in the statement, the banks said that completion of the deal would depend on detailed

contract negotiations and that further announcements would not be made for some time. There are also regulatory issues in the seven countries in which it operates. Agreement

on the details of a sale is not expected before July. The private banking business operates in Hong Kong, Sinapore, Geneva, Jersey, Tai-

wan, Vancouver and Dubai. SBC also disclosed yesterday that it had acquired a \$1 billion portfolio of private client relationships from Chase Manhattan Private Bank. Under the deal, 15 Chase managers will join SBC in New York and

McCarthy & Stone ahead 50%

BY PRASER NEURON

McCARTHY & STONE, Brit-ain's biggest builder of sheltered housing for the elderly, is paying its first interim dividend since 1992 after achieving a 50 per cent in-crease in profits.

Yesterday the company re-ported a rise in profits to £2.1 million from £1.4 million in the half year to February 29 and amnounced a dividend of

0.55p a share.

The continued fall of land prices and building costs saw its margins nudge up a point to 34 per cent. Operating profits rose 15 per cent to £2.3 million despite a 3.6 per cent dip in sales to £24.2 million.

The group has had difficul-ty in gaining planning per-mission to build its sheltered housing. Matthew Thorne. finance director, blamed what he described as "not in my

backyard syndrome".
"This attitude is not just stifling the growth of our company but every other building business in the country. These councils are protecting buildings which have no economic future and no viable independent life."

Having sustained high margins, the group is now aiming for volume growth Mr Thorne added that, with 70 per cent of the sheltered housing market, the company was well placed to benefit from the predicted "granny boom", a 17.5 per cent rise in the number of over-80s in the UK by 2001. He forecast that full-year profits would be in line with expectations.

Adare to pay £23m for Prontaprint

PRONTAPRINT GROUP, the design, print and copy centre business with more than 250 outlets in Britain and the Republic of Ireland, is being acquired by Adare Printing Group for £23 million, it was announced yesterday. Adare, which is based in Ireland, is paying £18.9 million for the issued stare capital and redeeming £4.1 million of loan stock.

funded from its existing resources.

Promiagnint was founded in 1971 and was one of the cartiest francisses to be established in the UK. It has the largest number of outlets of any print franchise in the UK and also number of outlets of any print franchise in the UK and also has master franchises in South Africa, Denmark, Mong. Kong and Singapore from which it receives levy income. Inthe 11 months to February 23, the company earned pre-fax profits of £2.46 million on turnover of £25.4 million. In the year to March 31, 1995, profits were £2.08 million. Prontaprint also has subsidiaries supplying business forms and specialised paper and film for digital imaging equipment Richard Raworth, chairman of Prontaprint, will oin the Adare board as a non-executive director.

Huntleigh advances

HUNTLEIGH TECHNOLOGY, the medical products company, reported profits of £12. 8 million before tax for £995 and reported strong trading in the first quarter of the current year, particularly in mainland Europe. The profits compared with £9.8 million before tax and exceptional charges in 1994. Earnings rose to 29.93p a share from 22.4p. There is a final dividend of 4.5p a share, lifting the total to 8p from 6p. The shares rose 75p to 888p yesterday. The company, whose shares currently trade on the Unlisted Securities Market, intends to seek a full listing.

James Dickie warning

SHARES of James Dickie fell 36p to 174p after the engineering company warned investors that there was unlikely to be any real improvement in trading conditions in the second half of the current year. The company in the second half of the current year. The company reported a rise in interim profits to £990,000 before tax from £891,000, helped by acquisitions. But earnings fell to 8.349 a share from 8.95p. The interim dividend is increased to 2.2p a share from 2p, payable on June 5. The company said it was confident that an improvement in trading conditions would be seen towards the end of 1996.

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Hughes pays the same

T J HUGHES, the discount department store operator bases in northwest England, is holding the total dividend at 2.650 a share, in spine of suffering a decline in pre-tion profits to 1916,00 from £1.63 million in the year to January 27. Earnings fell to 3.2p a share from 5.43p. Eric Hodges, the chairman, said that the board had taken swift conscious action to bring the business back on course and sales were up 17 per cent on a like-for-like basis in the first two mouths of the current year. The final dividend is unchanged at L85p. The shares rose 4p to 6ip yesterday.

ICS £11m rights issue

INDUSTRIAL Control Services, the international controls group, is raising Ell.4 million through a rights issue to fund working capital requirements and to reduce to rama working capital requirements and to reduce borrowings. One new share is being offered for every three held at 90p each, underwritten by HSBC Samuel Montagu. Existing shares rose 9p to 113p yesterday. The company has promised to pay a maintained final dividend of 2.1p a share on the enlarged share capital. Order books are materially stronger than last year, the company said, and the level of inquiries from potential customers has also risen significantly.

Fishers races ahead

FISHERS INTERNATIONAL, the insurance and financial services group, reported profits of £874,000 before tax, and earnings of 0.63p a share for 1995. They mark the first financial results since the company reversed into Celtic Gold, the resources group, and obtained a stock market listing in London and Dublin. Comparable results for 1994 were losses of £255,000 before tax and 1.16p a share, relating to the company's exploration interests, which have since been sold. There is a maiden final dividend of 0.2p a share, making a total of 0.32p (nil). The shares rose to 122p from 12p.

House prices in Scotland hit by sharp fall in 1995

much of its business.

HOMEOWNERS in Scotland saw the average value of their home fall by £2,500 in 1995, according to the new Scottish Housing Index, published

A joint survey by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) and Scottish Homes, the national housing agency, on every house purchase north of the border found that the "housing recession in Scotland in 1995 was worse than had

previously been suggested".

Launching the index, Lord
Younger of Prestwick, the former Cabinet minister and

now chairman of RBS, said that the house price decline had been reversed and that there had been a significant upturn in the first quarter of this year. The strength of the housing market recovery in Scotland remains variable. however, with Glasgow recording the strongest gains while Edinburgh remains sluggish. In Aberdeen, the oil

show a downward trend. Lord Younger said the Scot-tish Housing Index would "make a substantial contribu-

capital of the north, and

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tion to reducing uncertainty and lack of confidence, which has been one of the greatest single restraints on the market. It will be of direct benefit to homeowners, who will be able to make house moves with a much better knowledge of their local housing market." Buying a house in Scotland

differs from England and Wales in that, where more than one person is interested in a property, sealed bids must be submitted before a predetermined deadline and the house goes to the highest

related to its acquistion of \$472 million, or 86 cents a The giant American entertainment company yesterday said the charges reduced its net income in the quarter from \$268 million, or 47 cents a share, to a loss of \$25 million, or 4 cents a share. The

company had net income of \$316 million, or 60 cents a share, in the second quarter of \$8.38 billion. the previous year. Revenues from creative con-Disney provided \$300 million against a new method of

from the company's theme parks and resorts expanded by 15 per cent from \$920 million

to \$1.1 billion. The acquisition of CapitalCities, which owns the ABC television network and ESPN sports cable channel. sent Disney's revenues from broadcasting soaring to \$1.1 billion from \$101 million in the

Disney also announced that its directors had approved the adoption of a new stock repurchase programme that will allow it to buy up to 104.5 million shares. The new programme replaces a similar one that was in place prior to the acquisition of Capital-

Disney incurs loss after \$525m costs

WALT DISNEY reported a

\$25 million loss for the second

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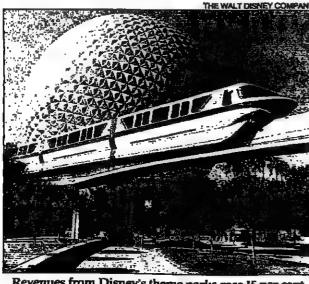
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ABC/CapitalCities Inc.



Revenues from Disney's theme parks rose 15 per cent

BY OUR CITY STAFF

for costs related to the acquisition of ABC/CapitalCities in The charges reduced the

company's six-month profit to

share, from \$765 million, or \$1.39 a share. In the same period last year. Disney earned \$798 million, or \$1.51 a Total revenues jumped 54 per cent to \$4.54 billion from

\$2.95 billion in the quarter, while six-month revenues climbed from \$6.25 billion to

tent, such as film and television production, grew by 26 per cent from \$1.93 billion to \$2.42 billion, while revenues

This followed a restructur-

Neil Arnold, chief executive, said: These positive results were produced in the face of continuing difficulties within the retail trade generally." He said all major retail chains had been involved in "a fero-

Food sales at the Co-op's 126 superstores and supermarkets

amounted to £240.3 million (£263.7 million), but the division's net profits improved. Sales at 18 car dealerships and filling stations reached £93.2 million (£86.3 million), while new and used car sales were up from 5,286 to 5,784.

Funeral group sales amounted to £15.9 million (£15.3 million), and new funeral homes were launched at Darlington, Co Durham, and Bolden, Tyne and Wear. The ten department stores in the non-food division continued to be affected by the slow housing market and sales fell from £28.9 million to £22.2

A total of £811,000 (£586.000) was returned to members in the form of dividends or interYou can win an adventure holiday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN that a Petition was on the Zish day of March 1996 pro-sented to Her Majesty's High Court of lastice for the confirmation of the cancel

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER CIVEN that the said Pestion is directed to be heard belone the Register of the Comparies Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday the 8th day of May 1995.

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Dated the 24th April 1996.

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Shake-up boosts **North East Co-op**

By Our City Staff

NORTH EASTERN CO-OP reported pre-tax profits last year of £7.1 million, rising from £5 million.

ing of one of northeast England's biggest businesses, including the disposal of several loss-making centres, resulting in borrowings falling from £22.1 million to £12.2 million, while other outlets were redeveloped.

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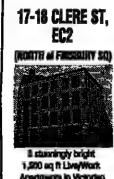
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in Northumberland will spring into life next month through the work of some of the country's best designers.

The changes will be rung at Belsay Hall, where furniture de-signers such as Tom Dixon, Tim Stead and Mary Little; textile designer Sally Greaves-Lord; and lighting designer Deborah Thomas will show works inspired by the two-storey stately home. Its owner, English Heritage, has commis-sioned the work in the spirit of

More than 200 contemporary textiles, cer-The amics, pieces of silver. glass and furniture will be on display in the bright entrance hall, the pillar colours of hall and the three main reception rooms. The the sofa exhibition is encouraging in that it challenges liven the homeowners to look afresh at their period room up' properties as settings for contemporary art.

Designers emphasise that a modern home need not necessarily be the ideal setting for innovative design. Modern furniture can contribute clean lines, airiness, even whimsy to a sombre period room, says Mary Little.

She designs asymmetrical, anthropomorphic solas and chairs in soft, rich fabrics, and is an enthusiast for mixing modern design with period property. "Period homes have a softness and warmth to them," she says. "It makes them a good place for my furniture because there are many nice, soft forms in my chairs."

The playful sofa she is exhibiting

was designed to offset the dour character of the large, plain drawing room of Belsay. She describes the sola as "big and colourful. I'm using pink, yellow, tangerine and turquoise. There are large insect-like wings coming out of the side,

magnificent, honey-col-oured 19th-century house and they bounce up and down in the breeze. The bright colours liven the room up. People should smile when they see it.

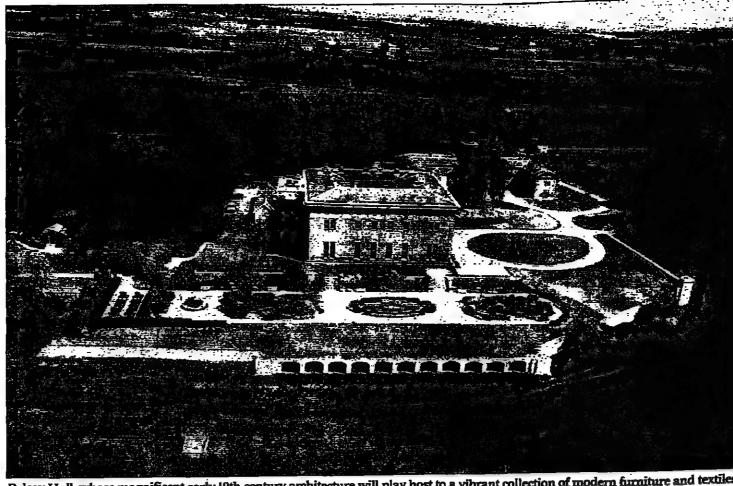
The work of Claire Barber is also on show at Belsay. Her large screens of translucent fabric coated in drake feathers dyed in a range of muted tones are hanging in Belsay's windows. Sally Greaves-Lord has made rugs and curtains for the library. She uses bold but unexpected colour and thick felted wool, which she hopes respects the beautiful "if severe" Belsay.

Tim Stead's elm table is made from a vertical section of a single 4ft 6in by 5ft plank, the widest he had ever seen. The edges were left free and faults in the wood were repaired with bronze, copper and walnut inlays. His table will be used as an information desk for the entrance to Belsay. "My work is about the essence of the tree. I often adapt to the wood rather than the other

way round. I try to work in harmony with it," he says. Mr Stead works from a studio in the Scottish Borders and graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 1975.

Design magazines have encouraged those interested in commissioning modern pieces, says Gilly Holloway, owner of Progetti, a London interior design company. "In the past three or four years, they have moved away from totally traditional looks. This has made more modern furniture more acceptable," she says - although she adds that many British clients continue to show a tremendous resistance to the unknown.

Nick Allen is not exhibiting at Belsay but his furniture, fashioned out of industrial materials, and his preference for spare, clean lines are much in demand. "Many of my clients want modern furniture for period homes," he says.



Belsay Hall, whose magnificent early 19th-century architecture will play host to a vibrant collection of modern furniture and textiles



Sally Greaves-Lord, left, has made rugs and curtains for the Belsay library; Claire Barber's translucent fabric screens hang at the windows

In the past, says Mr Allen, period homeowners might have opted for antiques or for traditional styles. Now, more clients are commissioning new pieces. There are fewer pieces of brilliant antique furniture to go round these days. Many really classic pieces are going to museums," he says. And British taste has grown more adventurous.

Designing furniture for period rooms "is a brilliant challenge". says Mr Allen. The designer must get into the mind of the architect and think about what he would design, if he were working now, with so many new influences to draw upon and new materials to For a satisfied client, the result is

"a piece that is truly unique", says the Earl of Portsmouth, owner of Farleigh House in Hampshire and a significant patron of new designers. The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers recently awarded Mr Allen a Guild Mark for a pair of hall chairs commissioned by Lord Portsmouth for his 18thcentury hall.

Lord Portsmouth says: "You don't generally enter a house with a set of Georgian chairs and say gosh, how nice those look. But you will if you see a piece of modern furniture which is well executed

and in keeping with the house. You aren't doing anything for the craftsmen of today if you just go to auctions and fill your house with Georgian furniture."

The Living at Belsay exhibition runs from May 4 until October 24 at Belsay Hall, Northumberland, A public auc-tion of the work will be held by Phillips



ARE YOU thinking about commissioning a piece of modern furniture? Designers and decorators offer the following advice.

• Find a motif in the room, such as a detail in the plaster. work, or a colour in a picture that you want to incorporate into the piece," suggests.
Heather Burrell, a metal designer. "This gives the designer a useful starting point and helps to integrate the piece into the room."

• "If you commission a piece, consider adding other touches in a similar style," says Nick Allen, a furniture and accessories designer. "I oftendesign door handles, which co-ordinate with a piece in the next room. Small touches provide a clue to the thinking of the occupant."

• Even if you need many pieces, it's often wise to commission one piece at a time and then to build up, says Mr Allen. "Think of each piece as a continuing plan.".

· A rug in a modern design is often a good piece to start with," says Ms Burrell, "It can pull a room together."

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"Look at the pieces you already have in the room, and think carefully about what you want to keep and what you should put away," says Ms Burrell. "It's a designed nightmare to try to co-ordinate a piece with heirlooms that just clash."

 "Look for materials that have a beauty in themselves. Don't just opt for chrome and glass," says Gilly Holloway, owner of Progetti. "If the materials are beautiful and the workmanship is good, the piece won't date."

 Be sure to invite the designer into your home," Ms Holloway says. "Often clients just tell the designer what they want, and maybe bring a photograph of the room to the studio. The piece may be fabrulant but theselves are accommon to the piece way be fabrulant. ulous, but there's no guarantee it will fit in the space."

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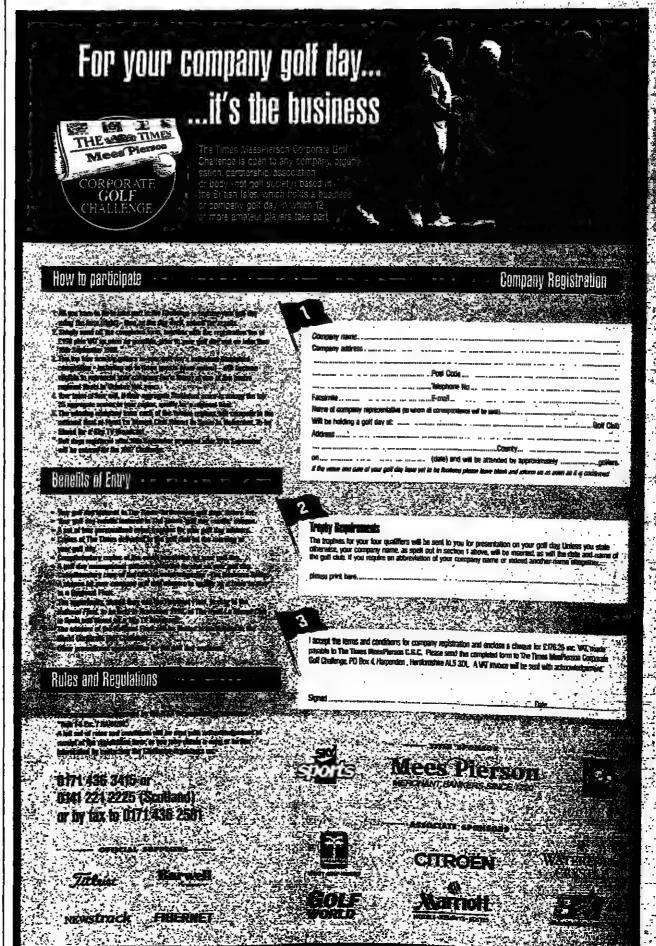
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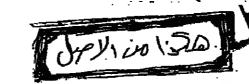
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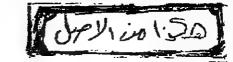
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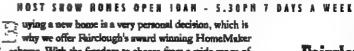
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timism to the property market in London. There is little more consistency to the recovery than there is in spring weather, but the findings of Jones Lang Wootton's central London offices review. covering the first quarter of the

year, are encouraging.

The take-up of offices in central London during the quarter amounted to 2,290,000 million sq ft, the highest quarterly level for two years. There has been strong take-up in all three main areas - the West End, City and Docklands with five transactions of more than 100,000 sq ft. Service-sector companies were dominant in the West End, while banking and finance was the most active sector in the City and

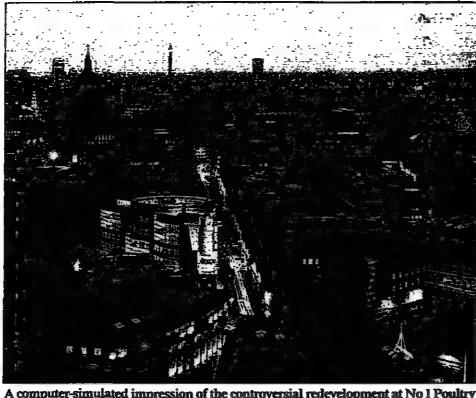
Reflecting increasing opti-mism, Neal Scambler, City leasing partner at Jones Lang Wootton, said: "For only the second time this decade City take-up topped 100,000 sq m [1,075,000 sq ft] in successive quarters, and with take-up being replaced by new inquiparticularly from the banking sector, the prospects

pring has brought for the leasing market for the some warmth and opextremely good."

The review estimates that total occupier demand in central London is more than 13 million sq ft in the short and medium term. Of the total, 44 per cent of the demand is from the banking and finance sector, 23 per cent from the service sector and 15 per cent from professional firms.

Invariably, there are few grade "A" (the highest specification) buildings available. There are none providing more than 100,000 sq ft in the central West End area, and in the central City area there are just four. Paul Yearley, West End leasing partner, said that ment, selective shortages were likely to intensify for Grade "A" offices in the immediate future, particularly in the West End, where increasing levels of corporate occupier demand offered the prospect for relatively strong rental growth for top quality offices in 1996.

Rents of £40 a sq ft were achieved in the City and West End during the quarter. Jones Lang Wootton forecasts top rents in central London over



A computer-simulated impression of the controversial redevelopment at No 1 Poultry

£45 a sq ft by the end of the year as a result of the level of demand and the low Grade

A" vacancy rates. Nowhere is the new era of redevelopment better shown than in the progress of No l Poultry, Lord Palumbo's controversial scheme designed by the late Sir James Stirling to replace the Mappin & Webb site in the City. After 35 years the site, with Altstadthau as of planning and acquiring property, the scheme is being project managers. The development comprises 150,000 sq ft of accommodation, indeveloped by Altstadtbau Ltd. and is due for completion next cluding 110,000 sq ft of offices spring. Dieter Bock, the Geron five floors, rooftop restaurman industrialist and chief ant and retail. Planning perexecutive of Lonrho plc, has mission was granted, after two public inquiries, in 1989 with the inspector suggesting Stir-ling's design (now the responforces with Lord Palumbo's City Acre Property & Investment Trust to develop

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sibility of his successor prac-tice Michael Wilford & Partners) "might just be a master-piece" — although the Prince of Wales compared it to a 1930s wireless.

The unusual design for the building, located on a triangular site, includes a geometrically shaped attitum of triangles and circles. Simon Harris of BH2, the office letting agent (Hillier Parker is the agent for the retail), said Lord Palumbo wanted a unique replacement for the Mappin & Webb size. This is the most unosual building we have ever been involved in. It is a highly flexible building, despite its shape." The offices are expected to attract banking-based tenants and rents will be at the "market level". Tim Carter, Altstadtbau's

project director, said No I Poultry was one of the first of. the post-recession development under way in the City. The new development will offer the highest quality accommodation for tenants who wish to operate from London as one of the world's key financial markets," he said. This is one redevelopment

in London built to the highest specifications. The London First Centre, the capital's investment agency, points out that 30 per cent of London's business space has been built or refurbished to international standards in the past ten years.

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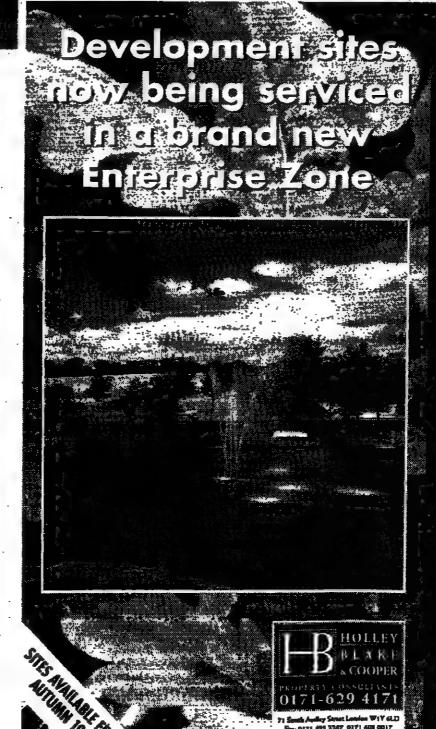
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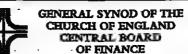
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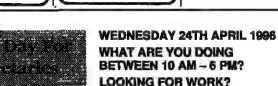
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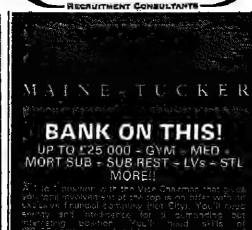
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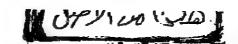
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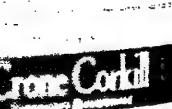
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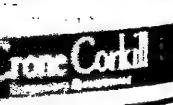
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F. Murray Abraham grows his beard and dyes his hair, as he makes his West End debut playing Tolstoy



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Lloyd Cole is a stylish singer and writer, but his London gig was an unpretentious and workmanlike affair



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Actor F. Murray Abraham and Tolstoy are soon to be seen on the London stage. Carol Allen reports

Salieri out for the Count

in Amadeus and the Inquisitor in The Name of the Rose, one expects a dark, rather saturnine figure of ascetic and somewhat forbidding bearing. What you get is a relaxed and jovial man with a warmly welcoming manner and flowing grey hair and beard, making him look rather like a junior Santa Claus or biblical patriarch. "I get treated quite different-

ly looking this way," he says. People try to help me cross the street and the women who give me the eye are a little bit

The hair and beard have been specially grown and dyed for his West End debut role as Tolstoy in the world premiere of James Goldman's new play about the last days of the great Russian novelist. Like his bestknown play The Lion in Winter, which took the lid off the home life of Henry II. Goldman's new work deals with the tempestuous marriage of its central character.

"Īt's a love story." Abraham explosive. It's about two people who cannot live together and cannot live apart."

Tolstoy, as presented in Goldman's play, is a vigorous 82-year-old, chafing under the devoted but smothering love of his wife Sonya. It was a marriage which had lasted for 48 years. Abraham, who celebrated the 35th anniversary of his marriage to Kate this month, identifies with the fact that lifelong intimacy is not the easiest of journeys.

What makes long-term re-lationships so very difficult is that we are constantly changing, and sometimes we change into people who simply do not get along any longer," he says.

About every seven years we go through this crisis - or at least I do, and I really believe that my marriage is over. I have to leave.

"And then we get through it and we continue. If you can maintain a relationship over a long period of time it's an enormous stroke of luck and very hard work, but it's a great thing. To turn one's back on 30 or more years of joint history

is a tragedy."

Another aspect of Tolstoy with which Abraham empathises was his Slavic temperament. "I've spent quite a bit of time in Russia and I was born into the same religion as many Russians. I'm Syrian Orthodox, same as Greek Orthodox, so I feel very strongly connected to them. They truly do

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"As I get closer to 60," says F. Murray Abraham, "I begin to look at myself and my career the way Tolstoy does in the play, looking at the end of his life"

explode into tears before your

Abraham is a first-genera-tion American, raised on the border of Texas and Mexico. 'My mother is from Calabria southern Italy, whose people are known as capadoce - 'hard headed' - which I am. My father's Syrian and they are the most stubborn of all the Arab people."

F. Murray (the F stands for Fahrid) was a 17-year-old high school student on the brink of getting involved in the street gang life when one of his teachers suggested he should try acting. "I had no idea what the theatre was and for some reason she saw something in me. I believe it was the hand of God, because I immediately knew where I belonged."

The hand of God appeared again when the little-known theatre actor was cast by Milos Forman as the malcontent Salieri in Amadeus. The part won Abraham an Academy Award and changed his life. "Suddenly it was world fame. It wasn't a question of looking for work, but of deciding which job I wanted."

But the film roles he was offered soon pricked the euphoric bubble. "I was offered rapists, maniac killers and wife-beaters, so I chose to continue in theatre. And if you say 'no often enough to Hollywood they stop knocking on your door.

few good films. such as The Name of the Rose. but there were others. which Abraham describes as "real stinkers", that he did for the money. "I needed it and it was available, large sums of money

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unimaginable before the Academy Award. [began to amass for the future and think less and less about the roles I was doing - colossal epic adventures in Russia; three days' work in the middle of Africa for a huge amount of money because I was so prominent at the time.

Then I'd come home and play

off-off-Broadway for nothing. If you do that enough it begins to warp your idea of what your talent means; you exploit yourself. But I and my family did get to see the world."

Over the past decade Abraham has played many of the great classical and modern roles in theatre.

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from Chekhov to Beckett. He has also worked his way through Shakespearean Malvolio. Lear. Macbeth and his favourite, tom in A Midsummer Night's Dream. But, until now, his long-

cherished ambition to appear on the London stage eluded him. One of the things he is

relishing about working with English actors is their levelheaded attitude to their work. "In America we're almost messianic in our pursuit of excellence in the theatre. I now think that's unhealthy, and the company I'm working with here constantly reminds me, through the way they work. that although it's very important it is just theatre."

Meanwhile, the movie roles are growing more worthwhile. Ahraham can currently be seen in Mighty Aphrodite. 2 film which took him to Sicily to play the leader of the Greek chorus which comments on the foolishness of Manhattan man. "I now know why people work with Woody Allen again and again." he says. "It's so caim on the set, so comfortable. He is very aware of who he is and what he wants to get done, and everyone else is magnetised around him and

does precisely what he wants." He also enthuses about Australia, where he has just played a supporting role in Children of the Revolution, with Judy Davis and Sam Neill. "My wife and I liked it so much that we staved for a month afterwards. I play Josef Stalin as a song-and-dance man. We had a lot of laughs and I think it's going to be a wonderful movie."

From the way he talks about

his life, you get the impression that Abraham has been through many changes since he won that 1984 Best Actor Oscar. One thing that has changed is his religion. "I

each of us. and that's exactly what Tolstoy believed. I'm getting a little calmer now, but my wife could tell you stories. It must have been awful for her sometimes. because I was miserable, terribly depressed when I wasn't working. It used to be the theatre was everything, but

follow the Quaker faith. They

believe that God resides in

now the family is. "I'm still no Pollyanna, I'm pretty sharp-tongued, but as I approach 60" — he is 55 — "I begin to look at myself and my career the way I suppose Tolstoy does in the play. looking at the end of his life. It's not the end of mine, but I do see an end for the first time. I used to be this tortured. tortured man. To hell with all

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No Commotions, in several ways

DURING Jennifer She Said. Lloyd Cole broke a string on his acoustic guitar. Dramatically whipping the instrument over his head, he thrust it out at arm's length to have it replaced by a roadie. But none came. After several frantic gestures to left and right, the singer gave up trying to attract his staff's attention and simply soldiered on as best he could.

It was a telling episode in a gig that was surprisingly prone to amateur-hour equipment problems. For, although the 35-year-old Cole is one of the most stylish singer-song-writers Britain has produced the unlikely link between Lou Reed and Mark Knopfler -he remains the most ineffec-

tual personality in pop.

Even so, his most recent album, Low Story, deservedly earned him some of the best reviews since his 1984 debut, Rattlesnakes. And, despite the decline in his fortunes since the mid-1980s, Cole commands an utterly devoted following sufficient to fill the 2.100-capacity Forum on a rainy Monday night.

Cole was an awkward presence, constantly fidgeting and kicking away his guitar lead, which kept getting tangled at his feer. The stage appeared to be too big for his four-piece

Lloyd Cole

Forum, NW5

band, whose equipment was drawn up into a laager in the middle. But any feeling of intimacy among the musicians was torpedoed by an light-show, which included bizarre overdoses of blinding red light that effectively rendered any human activity invisible during Be There and Forest Fire.

The sound, however, was crisp and clear, and Cole reproduced the recorded versions of new songs such as I Didn't Know That You Cared and Sentimental Fool and old favourites such as Cut Me Down and Perfect Skin with polished precision, if little passion.

By the time they wound up with a slightly rearranged version of Are You Ready To Be Heartbroken the ice had been sufficiently broken. But as a show it was only marginally less wet than the journey

DAVID SINCLAIR

All four the best

FUTURE Music Records, the label for which the pianists Liam Noble, Howard Rilev. Peter Jacobsen and John Law record, is dedicated to documenting the more enterprising end of British jazz. So it was no surprise to find everything from medieval reli-gious music to Satie-like Impressionism mixed in with the freeish improvisation at the core of each man's solo performance.

The faint echoes of Satie were provided by Noble in his own Coal Gate - Street, a deceptively light-sounding piece, evocative and stately. The freeish improvisation was delivered in its purest form by Jacobsen, one of the country's most undersung talents, in a performance mixing rippling yricism with sudden tumbling runs and densely textured passages of rumbling

The most unusual music of the evening, however, came from Law. In his 45-minute set he used the simplicity of monastic music as the starting point for an exploration of the possibilities opened up by the

Pianos at the Edge: Purcell Room

subtle interweaving of florid, even boppish, jazz improvisations into the plangent rever ence of his source material This was no academic exercise in reconciling two apparently incompatible traditions: Law illuminates each by ex-

posing it to the other. For sheer imaginative vitality, though, the concert's closing set, from Riley, was hard to beat. In three of his own pieces, Deflections. Inner Minor and Fast Forward, he demonstrated his unmatched ability to use a relatively simple musical kernel as the basis for his unique improvisational approach, and his relatively conventional Bill Evans-composed conclusion only served to underline the adventurousness of the pre-

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Making the heart grow Fonda

Twelve Angry Men Cornedy

suspect that Sidney Lumet's great movie.
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Can I be personal for a moment? I found myself ques-tioning the Angry Men myth when I sat on a jury recently and found I was the only member convinced that the defendant was guilty of theft. It was deeply disconcerting to be the lion in a den of Fondas. In defiance of my dreams, I was participating in a docu-mentary called Twelve Credulous and Mild-Mannered Men and Women.

However, Harold Pinter's revival of the play on which Lumet based his film is strong and sure enough to restore conviction and power to what I still think a pretty improbable tale. Indeed, let's go further. On the first night, I found myself half-believing again in reason, openness of mind, curiosity, perseverance, moral



courage and the other qualities with which the author, Reginald Rose, wanted to confront the America of 1954. Given some of the wayward verdicts his nation's jurors have recently handed down, not to mention the fact that even New York may soon start executing its convicted felons, they are virtues worth ponder-

ing in 1996. Mark you, Rose's jurors are not merely the representative spread of New York citizenry that elementary justice demands. They are a crosssection of stereotypes: wimpish bank-clerk, dopey baseball fanatic, pernickety immigrant watchmaker, big bully, small-

bully, salt-of-the-earth builder, and a Wall Street financier played in so wonderfully wintry a way by Timothy West that to look at him is to come down with pneumonia. But then there is not a weak performance onstage, and several strikingly assured ones, starting with Kevin Whately in the Fonda role and culminating with Peter Vaughan and Tony Haygarth as his main opponents.

Whately avoids the danger inherent in his role, which is priggishness. Quietly, unpre-tentiously, incisively he makes the men sweating in the boiling jury-room (a dowdy brown set from Eileen Diss) inspect

agree that an adolescent yell of "I'll kill you" may mean nothing when he himself inadvertently uses it in a moment This does of course reemphasise that Rose's plot is subtler than his characterisation. Should one of the two most intransigent crusaders for conviction really be a heavy father auxious for vicarious revenge on his own disobedient son? Psycho-pathology is usually less bla-

tant than that. Should the other denounce slum dwellers as scum that should be flushed down the city drains in the interests of law, order, health and population control? Neo-fascism was surely more guileful, even in

the McCarthy era. But when Haygarth contemptuously lets rip, or Vaughan scowls and rants. you are likely to find yourself suspending your disbelief. In each case resentment and rage have come frighteningly to the surface. Twelve Angry Men is a melodrama, yes; but it is one that, 40-odd years after it was written. still grips, still star-

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City Hall, Cundlenges, G1 (0141-327 5014) Tength, 7 30pm

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SCARBOROUGH: Big event here: the £5 milion new theatre, institution old Cideon, opens with a roylsed version of the only Alan Ayd-Dourn/Androw Lloyd Webber musical, now renamed: By

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LI ELVES Sprited revival of the 20-year-old fribute show PJ, Proby plays the Vegac Elvic and Tim Whitned plays the Pelvic in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night garging on peanut butter and jello toppodoes Primes of Wales, Coveriny Street, WT (0171-839 9972) Mon-Truss Sprit; Fil. and Sat. 5:30 and 8:30 pm

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att Schille Buther 10AY Mary, set in Charo in 1942 whole the Brits are reduced to still-lipped panic, wet-munder and other courses appropriate to changing one's life. Splendid cast Hempeteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NWS (0171-722 8301) Mon-Set, 8pm; mat Set Arm (6)

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YOUNG AT ART: Hilary Finch sits in on lessons in Strindberg body language

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left the kitchen for the bedroom. At the Young L Vic a month ago they made love, uninterrupted, on the kitchen table. Heaven only knows what they'll get up to in Julia Holland-er's production of Margareta Hallin's opera of Miss Julie when it opens at the Lyric, Hammersmith, next Tuesday.

But at the Gate, in Notting Hill, where the Actors Touring Company is also tackling Miss Julie, "the peasants stream in, wearing their best clothes, with flowers in their hats and a fiddler at their head ... They form a ring and

dance and mime.* Nick Philippou, the director, has chosen to retain Strindberg's "dumb play" or "ballet" which forms a natural caesura between the before and the after of the love-making, and which brings the outside world of midsummer madness crashing into this claustrophobic world.

At every performance at the Gate the villagers will be played by various groups of 16-to-20-year-old students on performing arts courses, whose work is the culmination of an intensive threeday workshop run by ATC's Pete Baillie. I watched a group of first-year students from Hammersmith and West London College vomitting, lurching, retching and leching their way through an improvisation on the "seven stages of drunkenness". They displayed every bit as much evidence of first-hand research on the subject as did Baillie with his armfuls of songs and paintings from Stockholm's the-atres and galleries.

"It is two in the morning." Baillie is talking them through it. "You can feel the alcohol in the pit of your stomach ...you can smell the fag butts. It's 3.30. The host's coming round to throw you

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type of movement could express that quality? What sort of noise? Gradually the word recedes, and

individual character comes into focus. Notes are taken, "interviews" held, a village-full of characters born, Improvisation transmutes into rehearsal. action moulds around costumes and props. One hour of technical rehearsal, and they're on.

Simon Beer, department lecturer at Hammersmith and West London College, is astonished by the speed at which workshop turns into work experience. "It's wonderful for the students to know that the minutest details of the production process are relevant to what they might have considered walkon parts. Down to the last sharp knife in the kitchen, the last patch of algae on the window."

Strindberg, too, who pleaded that his dumb show" should not degenerate into a mere crowd scene, that there should be "no chattering and clowning in what is, after all, a serious piece of action" would surely be gratified.

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But they will be profession-The competition is the ally staged (Glenn Close and Michael Crawford have been brainchild of Kim Bohr-Christensen, of the Danish wanted to find a way of peres), produced and sung putting the orchestra and with the Concert Orchestra Denmark on the man," he under David Firman, musical director of West End producsays. "There are only five tions such as Evita, Cats and million people in Denmark, but we love musicals, and we The Phantom of the Opera as well as, he admits, flops such as Metropolis and Child-

ren of Eden. He will also be one of the judges. Qualification for entry was fairly straightforward: musicals had to be in English and include eight songs, designs for five scenes and a storyline,

previously published. The initial entry of 266 - 66 from America, 52 from Denmark, 50 from the United Kingdom and 33 from Germany - has now been whittled down to 25. tries, five British, four German, two irish and one each from Denmark, Austria, Sweden and Switzerland.

"Some of the entries were unspeakably awful," Firman says, "but there plainly is a new generation there, and the winner will be good."

Along with the other judges who include Don Black, who wrote the lyrics for Sunset Boulevard, and Björn Uivaeus, formerly of Abba -Firman will decide on the final three at a weekend conclave at Aarhus Concert Hall in Denmark. "The Danes are very prag-

matic," Firman says. "Everyone has a great understanding of the arts, and they have as orchestras as the whole of Britain. They don't shout much, but if they see a job that needs to be done they will do

either, in looking overseas for guidance - Copenhagen's current European Year of Culture is being run by an Englishman, and the other Musical of the Year judges come from France and Germany as well as

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entries can be divided into the evolutionary and the revolutionary," Firman says. "The first sort of entrant understands the musical form: they're witty, literate, have a clear sense of structure and character. The second lot are a bit clumsy at the moment, but they're passionate, with a strong belief in whatever their theme is: things like the ecology, political oppression, the harnessing of technology."

"What I've heard of the

But with television audience requirements from several difnt countries to be sat won't the whole thing descend to a standard of kitsch that rivals the Eurovision Song Contest? "There's so much emotive input in putting together a musical, even a bad one, that I'm not worried about that - there's no formula you can tap into," Black says. "I'm not looking for My Fair Lady, but I am looking for promise — and there's plenty of it here."

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This extraordinary assemblage of classical columns stands proudly by the approach to St Pancras Station. It takes the form of three mighty circles of columns, three tiers high These triplets form the noblest and most eye-catching monument of the great age of gas, when the industry gave light to streets and buildings all over London.

For 20 years they have been flamboyantly painted in black, red and white, the Victorian company livery, catching the eye of passengers approaching by train. Now they are to be carted ignominiously away as part of the Government's billion-pound "sweetener" to London & Continental Railways.

LCR, a consortium of Virgin, National Express, London Electricity, SG Warburg and others, have won the £3 billion contract to build, own and operate the new 270kph (168mph) Channel Tunnel rail link new terminal within the existing St Pancras Station.

Let's be clear. There's no rival in the whole burgeoning world of industrial archaeology to this trio of gas holders, once the pride of the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Co. Brian Sturt, the industry's historian, says: "I've claimed many times that the St Pancras gas holders are unique and no one has ever contradicted me."

If they were in North America, in New York's fashionable cast iron district, they would be acclaimed as a triumph of 19th-century architecture. As it is they are Grade II listed Channel Tunnel terminal at St Pancras was first mooted, Union Railways (the current custodian) talked of dismantling and re-erecting them near by.

Now the Government is applying strong pressure to stop any such requirement being included in the parliamentary Bill, which will transfer St Pancras and 34 acres to Richard Branson's winning consortium. This is in sharp contrast to policy in Kent, where undertakings have been given, and are being honoured, to dismantle and re-crect listed buildings in the path of the new fast link.

ers were first built here in the 1820s by the canal there was no railway." That came later when the mighty Midland Railway blasted its way through the slums of north London to build a terminus eclipsing its rivals at King's Cross and Euston.

The Imperial Gas Company was left with a very restricted site. The



Gas holders overlooking the canal at King's Cross in London contribute to the industrial archaeology of the capital and provide a monument to the great age of gas

only way to increase storage capacity was to go up. Usually the lifts of a telescopic gas holder were 20-40ft high. Here they are 55ft. The second lift was added in 1880, bringing the total height to over 100ft." Building upwards, he adds, also meant digging down to create a tank 55ft deep for the holder or bell to sink into when deflated.

This was a great era of growth in the industry. In the 1860s the use of gas widened with the introduction of the water geyser in 1865, the gas with radiants in 1880.

The cylinders were erected to the design of John Kirkham, the company's chief engineer. The company minute books for 1860 credit the idea for three holders to Methven, the engineer who supervised the

Philip Davies, of English Heri-

tage, says: "The St Pancras trio are a masterpiece of Victorian engineering and a spectacular London landmark. Just imagine what an architect like Sir Norman Foster or Sir Richard Rogers could do with them." As it happens, Sir Norman has designed an elegant circular Telematic Centre in the German town of Duisburg in a drum shape that would fit snugly within the

But the sheer romantic value of the open silhouette against the sky glimpse of the ingenious twinning of the rings. Where they touch, the columns - 46ft tall below and 33ft feet above - have guide rails. The silhouette is further enriched by

nearly 5,000ft of lattice girders.

According to English Heritage, dismantling and re-crection has been costed at £3.5 million, excluding land. As it happens, a perfect alternative site is close by in South Goods Way already in British Gas ownership, with a fourth listed gas frame and space for the endangered three. British Gas, whose heritage responsibilities are far smaller than public utilities such as the canals and the railways, should contribute to the cost. It is the monument to an industry that Britain pioneered. Sensitively re-erected, they could surprise and delight every foreign visitor arriving in London on the

Sir Neil Cossons, director of the Science Museum, says: "They have a tremendous landscape value. Reerecting them would be really

It has been suggested that the trio should be re-erected in the millennium exhibition site at Greenwich,

where their shape would fit with the

theme of time and the proposed circle of 12 pavilions in a form of a clock face. But their reason for being lies at St Pancras, beside the cana and the railway, where they served as the backdrop to innumerable films of Dickensian and cockney London, including such maste pieces as The Ladykillers.

Cast iron is now recognised as one of the delights of 19th-century architecture. Its greatest monument, Crystal Palace, has long vanished, but all over the world, from Austrato be found in glorious abundance. revered as an ornament to streets

London needlessly has lost too many of its best landmarks on the altar of progress. Sixteenth-century Northumberland House, finer than any of the royal palaces, was demolished to gleeful cheers to

make way for a new bridge across the Thames, which was never actually built. The Coal Exchange and the Euston Arch went the same way. Temple Bar is still waiting to be rebuilt in London, 150 years after it was taken to a Hertfordshire

A new generation of philistine ministers must not be allowed to repeat this destruction. The cylinders must stay until they have to go, and then the money and the space must be found to re-erect them.

LCR should heed the scathing words of the great Sir Nikolaus Pevsner on the destruction of the cast-iron Victorian Coal Exchange in 1962. "It is a tragedy, and it was unnecessary. Tragedy by stupidity always hurts double, more than tragedy by villainy as in the case of the Euston Arch."

Natural modern master

IMAGINATIVE planning meant that the Endymon Ensemble's series of Compas. er's Choice Concerts was launched as part of the Harri son Burwistie Retrospectivo and on Friday the compose himself introduced a rich pro gramme of music from the 1950s onwards. Though it dil offer insights into his musical thinking, it revealed few stylis tic influences. That was expected: Birtwistle has never needed models for what to him is the most natural way of

expression. One influence, however, both audible and admitted to Stockhausen's Zeitmasse. spite of its rigid scrialism, it has a fluidity that inspired the younger composer. Scored for ive woodwind instruments. is like a craggy, partly eroded

Endymion Ensemble Purcell Room

musical sculpture: Birtwistle's recent Five Dis tances for Five Instruments, scored for a more conventional wind quintet, has the homanity lacking in Zeitnesse Each instrument's character istic is brought to the surface in music of warmin and wit. Birtwistle also provided a mini-overture to the evening. with the first London person mance of a 20th birthday present for Pierce Boxles Hoquetus Petrus, Two flutes and a piccolo trumpet my with a Machaur melody in bright pulsing music.

The young composer Jane Mielniczek was invited to contribitie a new work, and as premiere disclosed an imagi native musical mind. Scored for an octet of strings, wind and brass, Bernard is a tightly structured journey of transfe mation and reinvention that explores quirky rhythms and dark colours.

Two pieces from the 1970s completed the programme n Buller's Sc selo cello was dispatched with panache by Jame Salmon, but it sounds like a catalogue of empty instrumental effects. In 🙃 contrast, Peter Maxwell Davies's Ave Maris Stella is a classic of its time.

JOHN ALLISON

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By Philip Hong

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ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS: A pianist, itinerant conductor and viola player all on top form

THE London Symphony Orchestra, which iavours themed programmes and has just concluded a long survey of the music of Bruckner and Mozart, paired Stravinsky and Ravel in a mini-series of two concerts with its principal guest conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas. Each of these Barbican concerts featured four works by Stravinsky and two by Ravel, and both of the latter's piano concertos were played by Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

This juxtaposition proved rewarding. Both Ravel and Stravinsky are of course famous for their connections with the Ballets Russes, both moved in neo-classical directions, though the Frenchman got there first. The absence of emotional

engagement in certain scores is something else common to them, though Stravinsky was the more "voyeuristic" of the two. Ravel, less prolific but more even in his output, never wrote a duff note. Not everything of Stravinsky's is distinguished, and even his dedicated champion Tilson Thomas — who as a student met and worked with the composer — could do little with some of Sunday's pro-It opened with the Concerti-

no for 12 instruments, which to succeed would have needed more incisive playing than it received here. The Symphony of Psalms was an unexpected disappointment: after a splendid, fervent opening, the London Symphony Chorus settled into lacklustre and sometimes tentative singing. Stronger articulation from the orchestra might have helped. but the performance never

Best of the Stravinsky bunch was the Scherzo à la Russe. Though the work was written in the 1940s, it is a mostly standing, clustered in-

recovered hypnotic momen-

struggle to lift

A lone

spirits LSO/Tilson Thomas

Barbican

air reminiscent of Petrushka. and the players responded to its snappy thythms and bassheavy sonorities with pa-nache. The Scenes de ballet is

THE brilliant but idiosyncrat-

ic viola player Yuri Bashmet

blotted his copybook last sum-

mer when he appeared at the

Proms apparently unpre-pared for a concert. Ample

amends were made at the

Barbican on Saturday when

Bashmet and his Moscow

Soloists gave a concert that.

far from suggesting lack of

preparation, demonstrated

scrupulous attention to detail

The Moscow Soloists,

founded by Bashmet in 1992,

is an elite ensemble whose

members represent the cream

of the new generation of

Russian string players. The

unanimity of their ensemble

is so precise that they are

capable of stunning expres-

This does not apply only to

fast toccata-like passages, as

the opening of their concert

showed. Seventeen players,

sive effects.

almost to a fault.

full of striking effects — not least the syrupy climax of the Pas de deux — but it was less invigorating.

Spirits were raised after the interval by Thibaudet - single-handedly, one is tempted to say. His formidable account of the Concerto for the Left Hand was full of power and

Thibaudet is a cultivated planist, and he found every possible nuance in the concerto's delicately shaded score, from the nostalgia of the second section to the spiky syncopations that follow.

Tilson Thomas revelled in the intoxicating, sensual beauty of the Daphnis and Chloe bracing blast of Russian fresh excessive lingering in a performance full of theatrical life.

Note-perfect, not perfection

Moscow Soloists

Barbican

timately round Bashmet

who, taking his viola, led

them in Britten's Lachrymae.

The dusky timbres of the first

muted bars, alternating with

exquisitely voiced chords.

seized the attention. So too did

Bashmet's richly burnished tone, which unfortunately

was not heard again until the

first of the encores (an ar-

rangement of Tchaikovsky's

celebrated Andante cantabi-

le), as the viola was thereafter

Under Bashmet's direction,

Dvořák's Serenade for

Strings also began extremely

quietly and slowly, as though

it were being coaxed into

existence. Both here and in

the flowing waltz it was

evident that these players

could do anything, so meticu-

abandoned for the podium.

clearly better

IT TAKES years rather than days for a standard symphony orchestra such as the Halle to get used to a specialist conductor like Frans Bruggen. He takes the strings apart, split-ting the second violins from the first and radically redistributing the others. He cuts down their num-

bers, changes their sound and requires on the beat precision without using a baton to facilitate it. Without a leader as diligent as Gina McCormack they would have had an

lously tapered was their

phrasing. And yet this was where the occasional doubt

surfaced: was it just a little too

calculated, too self-conscious?

Apollo, that doubt was sup-

pressed. Here was sleek, silky

yet chaste playing, ideal for Stravinsky's ballet about

Apollo and the Muses. Bal-

ances were finely judged, and

Bashmet's feeling for the long line effortlessly realised by the players. Only in Terpsichore's

variation did I wonder wheth-

er the classical manner was

momentarily compromised by self-indulgence.

The fleeting mood pictures of nine of Prokofiev's Visions

Fugitives, arranged by Rudolf Barshai, allowed these virtuo-

si to project the whole gamut

of emotions, from the tearful

strains of "Dolente" to the

BARRY MILLINGTON

mordantly ferocious finale.

For most of Stravinsky's

JOHN ALLISON

When smaller is

modern-instrument orchestra in Stavanger, Brüggen has secured something like a period-instrument sound in the classical repertoire. After three concerts of Mozart and Haydn with the Hallé and another featuring Beethoven's Choral Symphony, he will have gone from Manchester to turn his attention to another

Hallé/Brüggen

Free Trade Hall

Manchester

He will have communicated something very positive about the textural clarity which can be achieved by redeploying the forces and thinning down the line. In Haydn's London Symphony and Mozart's Jupiter all kinds of normally obscure detail

British orchestra.

The negative aspect of such clarity is that faults such as an overloud entry in one area or another, a false note in the brass and even marginal failures in ensemble between woodwind and strings are glaringly obvious. But, as the audience clearly appreciated, with everything reduced to scale, dramatic events in scoring and harmony are restored

Brüggen also enjoys working with Thomas Zehetmair. This time they collaborated on Mozart's Violin Concerto in A in a performance which, after an edgy start from the soloist. developed into a subtle dialogue with the orchestra.

GERALD LARNER

Backstage passes

WHEN the curtain goes down on a play, most of the people in the audience shuffle out and go home. But not Theatre Club members - not those who go to see these three West End plays, at any rate. After the

show, they are invited to stay behind to meet members of the company and discuss the production over a glass of wine.

The first is Mind Millie For Me, at the Haymarket Theatre. Following his huge success with Feydeau's An Absolute Turkey, Peter Hall has once again turned to the undisputed genius of French farce and brought together many of the same team, including designer Gerald Scarfe. The cast includes Nicholas le Prevost, Neil Pearson and Felicity Kendal. Club members are invited to discuss the production with Hall after the performance on May 9, before meeting members of the cast. Tickets £18 (normally £24).

On May 16, the show is Neil Simon's comedy Chapter Two, at the Gielgud Theatre. The stars are Tom Conti and Sharon Gless. Tickets £18 (normally £24). Tel 0171-494 5065.

Finally, the show on May 21 is Passion, at Queen's Theatre. Michael Ball and Maria Friedman star in Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning new musical, directed by Jeremy Sams. Tickets £24 (normally £30). Tel

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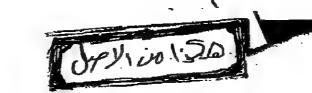
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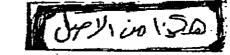
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India omit leading batsman

INDIA'S cricket team, which will arrive in England next week for three Tests and three one-day internationals, will not include Vinod Kambli, the

dashing left-handed batsman. Kambli, 24, who made a double century against England in Bombay — his home town - the last time that England played in India, three years ago, has been left out of the 16-man party for what are believed to be disciplinary

Gundappa Viswanath, the former Test batsman who now chairs his country's selection panel, revealed that Kambli, a colourful character who wears an earring, had not been considered for the tour, on which India will be led by Mohammad Azharuddin,

TOUR PARTY

who was also the captain on their previous visit, in 1990. Sachin Tendulkar, who, on that tour, became the secondyoungest man to make a Test hundred, will be vice-captain. Kambli's place goes to Saurav Ganguly, 23, a bats-

man who toured Australia

four winters ago but who has yet to make his Test debut. The party includes two other players who have not played Test cricket - Paras Mhambrey, the mediumpaced bowler, and Sunil Joshi, on of two slow left-arm bowlers. There are also two leg spinners, but no off break

spinners came up to the mark, "Viswanath said.

Kambli has obviously fallen foul of the selectors since India lost to Sri Lanka in the World Cup semi-final in Calcutta, a match that had to be abandoned when sections of the crowd rioted. The final image of that dreadful evening was of Kambli, one of the undefeated batsmen, leaving the field in tears after he was unable to prolong his innings. Clive Lloyd, the match referee, had awarded the game to Sri Lanka.

Dilip Vengsarkar, the former India captain, wrote in the Asian Age on Tuesday that he believed that Kambli, who was omitted from one-day tournaments in Singapore and Sharjah in which India have played since the World Cup, had been left out "for reasons other than cricket", and urged the selectors to bring him back.

"Kambli ... will have to mend his ways and show more commitment to the game" he wrote. "He is too talented to miss out on opportunities such as these, but then, I guess, he has only himself to blame for that. Azharuddin's position as

captain was thought to be in jeopardy after that defeat by Sri Lanka, but the selectors are not yet ready to promote Tendulkar, although most of his admirers feel that he should have had the leadership by now. Other than Tendulkar and Azharuddin, English crowds will also be glad to renew acquaintance with Kumble and Srinath, played county cricket with distinction last season, and those capable batsmen,



bowler. "None of the off Kambli acknowledges applause after reaching 200 against England in Bombay Astle's defiance in vain for New Zealand

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WEST Indies completed a tenwicket victory in the first Test match against New Zealand at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, yesterday. They were denied an innings victory only by further defiance from Nathan Astle, The completed an aggressive century, and a flourish by the New Zealand last-wicket pair of Danny Morrison and Robert Kennedy. Sherwin Camp-

bell, whose long innings of 208 in the first innings was the foundation of the West Indies triumph, relished the freedom to unfurl his strokes in pursuit of a target of 29. He scored all the runs in just four overs. finishing the match with three successive fours driven off Kennedy.

New Zealand's hopes of extending the West Indies further rested on their fifthwicket pair of Astle and Justin Vaughan, who resumed the

day at 151 for four. While Astle continued to score freely off the short-pitched bowling fed to him by West Indies, the lefthanded Vaughan presented stubborn defence.

It was his departure, for 24. with the total on 210, that opened the way for West indies to push to victory. The former Gloucestershire allrounder was trapped leg-before by Ian Bishop moving across his crease, bringing to an end a partnership worth

153. Astle followed swiftly, for once failing to move his feet when driving at the erratic Thompson and being held at second slip by Campbell. He batted just 3hr 34min and crashed two sixes and 22 fours off 154 balls.

The persevering Bishop and Courtney Walsh, his captain, then wrapped up the innings despite the indignity of some swiping blows struck by Morrison and Kennedy in true

Total 900 114, 2-28, 3-48, 4-57, 5-210, 6-215, 7-219, 6-254, 9-761, 5-210, 6-215, 7-219, 6-254, 9-761, 5-210, 6-215, 7-29, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762, 8-654, 9-762

WEST INDIES: Becond invings

Look elsewhere for examples to follow

V about my col-leagues instinct for a story than for sport, the Footbal Writers' Association (FWA) guaranteed itself instant controversy and therefore many column miles by voting Eric Cantona its player of the

On footballing grounds, Les Ferdinand would have been a more obvious choice though, if it was essential to have a Manchester United player (and no doubt it was) the principal difference be-tween the Uniteds of Manchester and Newcastle in recent weeks.

When in doubt, though, go for the big story. Now, we can all debate the most fatuous possible questions. I say that the vote should not have gone to Cantona because he is not a good role model for children. I mean, the sages of Fleet Street now tell us that it is perfectly all right to kick Crystal Palace supporters, so long as you say sorry. What kind of message is that for the youth of Great Britain?

One that has absolutely zero effect, obviously. Children do not actually need Her Majesty's press to tell them that Cantona is cool. They can tell that from his collar.

No. really, I mean, it is a great message to send out, because it is about forgiveness and rehabilitation and amending your life. The man has been to hell and back. It sends out the message that reform is always possible, and that the repenting sinner is sure of a double welcome.

As for me, I am not a member of the FWA or anything else for that matter and, besides, when I hear the words "role model", I reach for my revolver. I have the same reaction to the word "image". These are advertisers' words. PR words, marketing words, and they are not about moral worth, they are about money.

A nice juxtaposition as I read the papers yesterday morning: apparently, Greg Norman has been receiving lots of messges of support. "So many are about how Greg was such a perfect role model for how to handle



BARNES

Do the children of the United States and the world really see themselves as a man in a perfectly appalling hat who blows an absolutely massive lead? Do they stand in front of the mirror and say: "Oh well, that's gol?"? Any child who cares about such things must have been born middle-aged.

The same morning, I read about a pop star whose name Skin; not, I think, her baptismal name. She is, I learnt, a bald, black lesbian and author of such songs as Little Baby Swastikkka and Intellectualise My Blackness. Another "gay pop girl' quoted as saying apologise for the coyness of the asterisks that follow -'She's a good role model because she's got a real off if you don't like it' attitude.

Parents across the world recoil in horror. If she is a role model, soon all our children will be bald, black lesbians telling us to ---- off if we don't like it". The state totters. Except it does not,

I look back at my youth. When I was ten, I fancied myself as Hank Marvin, but this cast no shadow over my later life: 1 no longer practise dance steps in front of the mirror with a horizontal cricket bat.

few years later. I thought John Lennon and George Best were pretty cool, and for similar reasons. They were both good, and both did it on their own terms - and they both ended up as shadows of their former selves. But role models - mean-

ing that I strived, consciously or unconsciously, to be like

them? As a child, even into early teens, you do not want to be like somebody; you want to be them; and so you are. We have all scored the winning goal in the FA Cup Final; we have all riven the world in twain with a power

chord and a primal scream. So, am I now an amalgam of John and Georgie and Hank, my models? Not real-ly. I am closer to being an calgam of Mr and the late Mrs Barnes, that is how life actually works. Charles Barkley, the basketball player, has often said that he is not a role model — "I've known drug-dealers who can slam-dunk a hasketball." Parents, he says, are society's real role models, not athletes.

et there is pressure on a top sportsman to be a role model. Role models sell products. Parents want their children to be high-achieving. wealthy, squeaky clean and pro-establishment. On the same side as their parents, in short. By acting thus, however hypo-critcally, you win the big endorsements. Martina Navratilova, an anti-estab Ushment lesbian, won no substantial endorsements despite being the best tennis player in the world. The world beat a path to the door of Jennifer Capriati, instead. Role model, you see — much good it did her.

However, record companies make their fortunes by selling such reverse role models as Skin. Sports goods companies have also worked out that rebellious types are hated by parents — and that is the royal road to being considered cool by children and they have spending power. So Eric sells sports shoes as well as anyone these

Perhaps the concept of role model is becoming outdated

— a sales gimmick that has had its day. It is high time that the notion was chucked out of sport altogether. Athletes are not here to give us moral guidance; they are here to enthrall us with their efforts to win things. If we seriously look to athletes for the moral guidance of the nation, then the nation is alarmingly close to moral bankruptcy. Or is that the



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent France narrowly beat China in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal. This hand from the match features a spectacular discard. North-South game

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South would then have bid This was an awkward hand Two Diamonds on the first for North-South. It seems round. However, there would unrealistic to expect North to have been no story if he had stop short of game once he taken that inference. East hears his partner open the dropped the king of spades bidding. However, a part-score is the limit of the two under the ace, clearly demanding a heart switch. hands. Chemla invented a which duly came. No swing. diamond response then cuebid as the Chinese North-South went one off in Five Clubs at on the next round. The win-ning action for Perron was to

the other table. double Four Spades. The rea-☐ Most of the pairs medals in son that he bid on was that he the EC championships have had a diamond fit, and it gone to Italy, though British sounded as though Chemla hopes were high when Tony Sowter and David Kendrick had a shapely hand; if Chemla had had a more balanced type. lead the open pairs after two sessions. They fell away to he would have doubled Two Spades, a "negative" double on the French methods. Per-ron's 4 NT offered a choice of finish tenth. ☐ For details of The Times

Midland Private Banking minor suit games, but, despite his bad spade holding. Chemla rather wildly bid the National Bridge challenge, contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942 Fu Zong led the ace of spades against Six Clubs and 9569.

Wang Xiao was taking no chances that declarer might be ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on 1-3-4-5 (when he might be able bridge Monday to Friday in to get dummy's heart away on Sport and in the Weekend his fourth diamond). That construction was unlikely, as section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

A particularly fascinating encounter, in terms of what did happen and what might have occurred, was the clash between Xie Jun, of China, the former women's world champion, and Judith Polgar that took place in the blindfold section of the Monaco tournament Polgar is the world's highest ranked fe-male player. The fact that Xie iun is unaccustomed to playing without sight accounts for the error on move 17 that resulted in her losing her queen.

White: Xie Jun Black: Judith Polgar Melody Amber, Monaco April 1996

Sicilian Defence

2 Nta 3 d4 4 Nxd4 Qb6 5 Nb3 8 Nc3 7 Bd3 9 Be3 10 OKS 11 e5 12 Nxd5

Diagram of final position

15 Cpcd4 Bb7 16 Radi 17 Qb8 White resigns

Instead of blundering

away her queen, Xie Jun had a fascinating alternative on move 17 (see diagram). She could have played 17, Qd7 Qxd7; 18, Bxh7+ Kxh7; 19, Rxd7 with advantage to White. Black's best defence is 17, Qd7 Qc6 (threatening checkmate); 18, Qxc6 Bxc6; though, even now, 19, Bf5 gives White a small edge. A missed opportunity indeed.

Men beat machines

The human grandmasters dominated the top places in the annual Aegon Man v Machine international tournament in The Hague. First prize, with six out of six, was taken by grandmaster Yasser Seirawan, the former United States champion, while John van der Wiel, of Hol-land, and Rafael Vaganian, of Armenia, shared second place with 54. Jon Speelman, the London grandmaster, secured fourth place with five points while the highest placed computer was QUEST, programmed by the team of Franz Morsch and Cock de Gorter, which scored 44.

The format of the tournament pitted human players exclusively against machines. Although the machines did well against the lower-ranked humans, they were relatively helpless against the leading grandmasters, scoring a mere two points out of a possible 24.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Managare interest WHEN SHOVE By Raymond Keene

By Philip Howard

a. A drunkard b. A jobworthy c. A flowering shrub **GUDULE**

Lapland A root nodule

BIBULUS a. A saint with a lamp b. Happy Christmas in

SACCO BENEDETTO a. A vintage port b. A convict's gown c. A papal vestment

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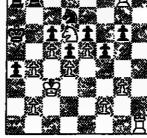
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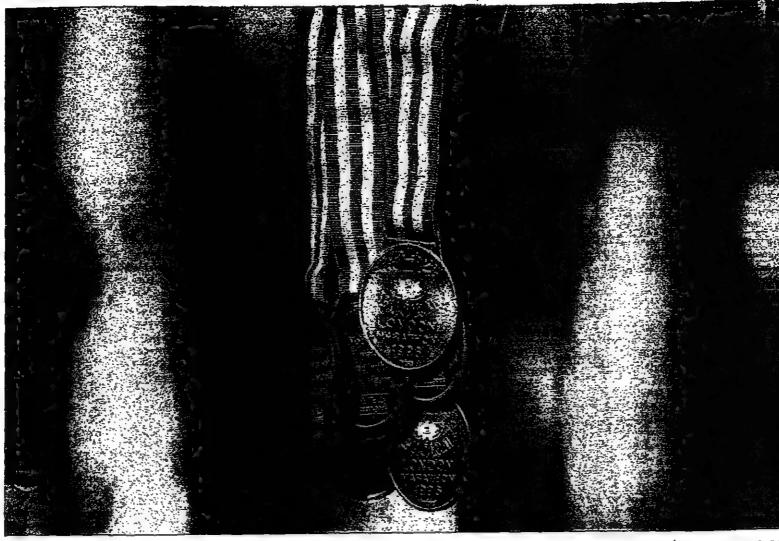
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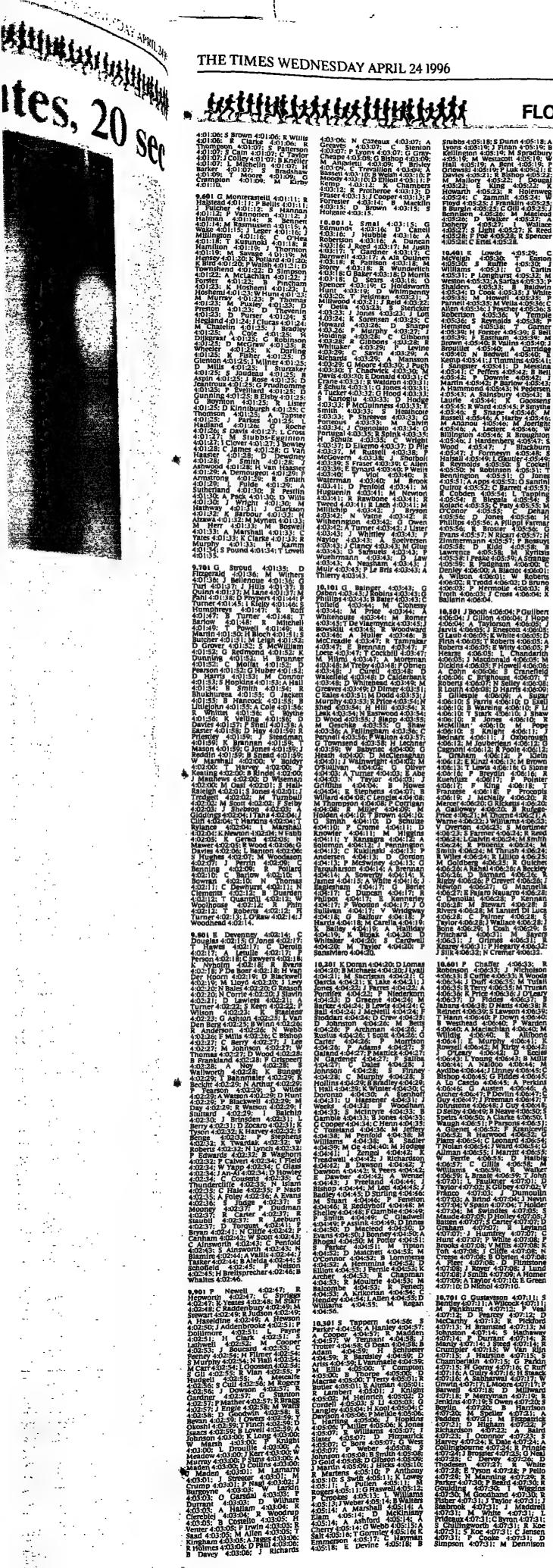
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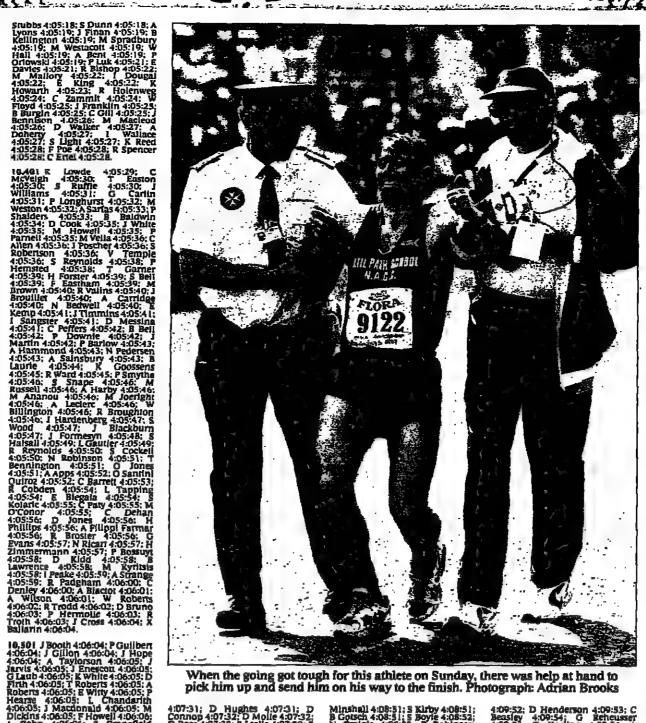
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Denmark likely to test quality of Scotland's defensive understudies

Brown still dogged by doubts over deputies

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN COPENHAGEN

THE people of Copenhagen are lolling in the heat of an early summer, but the Scotland football team has come here in search of cold facts about itself. Craig Brown, the manager, will have a clearer understanding of his side's prospects in the European championship finals in June once it has faced Denmark, the holders, in the Parken Stadium this evening.

Players who have spent months hunched against rain and wind began to stretch out and tilt their faces towards the sun, but the feeling of wellbeing may be illusory. There are more signs of decay than of growth in the team and, in particular, Brown can no longer be sure that he will be able to field in the finals the defence that has his trust.

Two of his triumvirate of centre backs have missed this



Leighton: stability

trip. Alan McLaren. of Rangers, will require keyhole surgery on a nagging knee injury after the Tennents Scottish Cup final on May 18, while Colin Calderwood, of Tottenham Hotspur, is recovering from damage to a medial ligament. It had been claimed that the pair would soon be restored to fitness, but the surviving member of the trio remains concerned.

There must be a worry for Craig over McLaren because. surgery is required," Colin Hendry, the Blackburn Rovers centre half, said, "and I have had the same injury as Calderwood. It takes a good six weeks to get over it, physically and psychological-Come June, therefore, men who appear as deputies tonight may be required in

The nature of the resistance that Scotland will offer Denmark is also significant. because Brown believes that Richard Moller Nielsen's team echoes the style that Scotland will face in the opening game of the European championship, against Holland. Both nations use three men in attack, although Denmark employ two of them, Brian and Michael Laudrup. behind a target man.

Against such a formation, Brown may have to revert to a traditional back four. "If Holland are going to have three men up front, we cannot play comfortably against them with three at the back," Brown said. "The game with Denmark will be a rehearsal about how to play against excellence tucked in off the front."

Forhis goalkeeper, Brown has elected for stability with the choice of Jim Leighton rather than Andy Goram. Stuart McCall is expected to patrol the area immediately ahead of the defence. Some Danish supporters

fear a lack of freshness in a team that has changed little in recent years, but, with Michael Laudrup restored, after the disagreement with Moller Nielsen that kept him out of the European championship-winning squad in 1992, Brown believes that the holders will make a strong defence of their Scotland hope to find an

established partnership in attack. Brown has been impressed by the club form of the men who start the game, John Spencer and Kevin Gallacher. even if the latter has played primarily as a substitute for Blackburn Rovers of late.

They have also still to demonstrate their credentials at international level. Spencer has not scored in six appearances and Gallacher's 20 caps have yielded two goals. Scotland are in danger of entering the European championship with an attack, and a defence. whose suitability can be taken only on trust.

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McCarthy continues to experiment

FROM PETER BALL IN PRAGUI

MICK McCARTHY takes his gradual rebuilding of the Ireland football team a stage further with the introduction of two more new faces against the Czech Republic here this

Cunningham, of Miliwall, and Alan Moore, of Middlesbrough, could have had easier opponents than the Czech Republic for their first international appearances, but, with eight players dropping out of his original squad and Roy Keane suspended, McCarthy, the Ireland manager, has had no option but to experiment. He planned to do

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"It's a thrilling trip for those two, and a good opportunity for them." McCarthy said. "Kenny came through the ranks at Millwall when I was there, I have no worries about him, and Alan was a very exciting talent with Middlesbrough in the first division. He has maybe stood still for a bit since then, but he's back in the team, and is full of ability."

McCarthy is beginning his career in international management with five games against teams that have qualified for the European champ-ionship finals. "They may regard us as cannon fodder,"

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Eastern Conference: Platching 4 Washington 1 (Washington lead best-of-seven series 2-1); Florida 6 Boston 2 (Florida lead 2-0). Western Conference; Vencouver 4 Colorado 3 (tied 2-2). VIENNA: World chempionship: Pool A: United States 5 Austria 1; Russia 6 Slovelus 2; United States 4 Germany 2 Pool B Italy 6 France 5.

REAL TENNIS

OUSEN'S CLUB: British Land ristional under-24 doubles championship: Finel: R Gurin and D Jones (GB) by A Lyons (GB) and S Virgons (Aus) 6-4, 5-6, 6-6.

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PHILADELPHIA: Lacoste world doubles

championships, second leg: N Smith and Hazel (GB) bt J Male and J Prenn (GB) 17-15. (Smith and Hazell take winning 5-0 lead after winning first leg in New York 4-0).

SQUASH

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Fanson lost to D Campion 9-7, 7-9, 5-9, 0-9; J Davis bt S Coure 9-4, 9-7, 9-5; P Carter bt M Cowte 9-7, 0-9, 4-9, 9-7, 9-2; P (Iggins bt B Bail 9-5, 9-4, 9-3; S Wright bt C Jackman 9-3, 4-9, 9-1, 9-3).

řívision: Shoreham 2 Oakwood 0 NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Maine Road 1 Newcastle Town 2 he said, "but, if we can get something out of these games, we'll prove something to ourselves.

"Times have changed, we're not nineteenth in world rankings any more, there's a new manager, a new coach and a new system, and the players realise it's experimen-tal until August 31, when the World Cup qualifiers begin.
I'd like to win all the games. but, realistically, it's not going to happen.

The quality of the Czech Republic team, which will be named today, can be taken as read. "We have always had good players, and I think this is a strong team," Pavel Smicek, the Newcastle United

ICI, Lon Herts 2 Jim Hell Sports Northern 1; Ogmore Valley Dragons 2, Cennors Club 1 Final: ICI, Lon Herts 2 Ogmore Dragons 1 (Lon Herts narres first: C Walker tost P Gregory 13-13, 13-15, 16-13, 14-15, 11-15; M Cralioner bt C Van der Wisth 15-12, 12-15, 15-8, 15-9, R Durbach bt D Evens 15-10, 4-15, 15-11, 18-11).

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SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Western Province 25 Wellington 25 (in Cape Town).
TALLAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finels, second leg: L'Aquita 29 San Dona 30; Méan 110 Roma 0; Treviso 32 Rovigo 19; Catania 6 Padova 12. Semi-final draw;

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Watverhampton 61 London 35. Postponed: Reading v Cradley Heath and Stoke: Exeter v Bradford.

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MONTE CARLO: Men's tournament: First round: A Costa (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-2; S Brughera (Sp) bt A Gauderor (M; 6-2, S-2; S Brughera (Sp) bt A Gauderor (M; 6-2, 7-6; J Sanchez (Sp) bt P Hearhulo (Holl) 6-2, 6-3; C Proline (Fr) bt H Dreskmann (Ger) 6-3, 6-3; C Moya (Sp) bi O Camporese (I) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

SEOUL Men's tournament: First round: A

Fleurian (Fr) 7-6, 6-4
EDINBURGH: Women's spring satellite tournament (GB unless stated): First round: E Bord bit R Victas (Hun) 6-2, 6-0 J Dewson bit A Kuthray (Hun) 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; L Woodroffe bit L Ahl 6-3, 7-5; C Kremer (Ger) bit G Nitand (Ingl. 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; S-A Siddest bit L Ogan 6-1, 6-1; J Steck (SA) bit A Bettina (Austra) 6-0, 6-1; J Wood bit H Matthews 7-5, 6-0.

make a rare appearance, said. Smicek expects his team to provide formidable opposition for Germany, Italy and Russia, who lie ahead in the hardest group in Euro 96.

We are not expected to set through that group, so we can only surprise people," he said. With Patrik Berger, the Borussia Dormund player who has scored eight goals in 12 internationals, and Pavel Kuka, they will provide strong

RELAND (3-4-1-2). S Green (Bindibu Rovers) — K Cusmanghans (Whoblador) McGrash (Aston Wila), P Bath (Everpoor) J Kenma (Biscottum Rovers), R Hoogita (Crystal Pause), A Townseod (Aston Via

Gould inspired by Switzerland's example

FROM RUBSELL KEMPSON IN LUCIANO

BOBBY GOULD, mentally and physically drained, finished with club management 212 years ago. His Coventry City team had been beaten by Queens Park Rangers and he entered the Loftus Road press room to announce that he was leaving the asylum. For the first time

since 1978, he was free of the daily grind. Today, Gould, 49, cuts a relaxed figure. As he approaches his fifth international match in charge of Wales - against Switzerland here tonight - his mood has become almost philosophical. Yet underneath still lurks a passion to succeed, to revive the fortunes of a team that has won only three times in 15 games.

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CRYSTAL PALACE: British super-feat

"The job is a great challenge and has surpassed my every dream," Gould said. Perhaps I will have to go back to the

to that of Switzerland, who, under Roy Hodgson, their former manager, reached the World Cup finals in the United States and will play in the European championship finals this summer. Artur Jorgé replaced Hodgson in January. "The Swiss have shown what can be achieved," Gould said. "It is something to aim for."

Without most of their senior players -Rush, Hughes, Saunders, Giggs and Southall — to call on, Wales face an

SWITZERLAND: M Pascolo (Servette): J Vogel (Grass-bospers), R Vege (Gracchoppes), S Herector Mischburg SV), C Ohret (Si Eberne), Y Guerdin FC Scott, R Wicky (FC Son), C Storze (Bayern Murich) K Turkytmas (Grasshoppers), M Grasse (Reznes), S Chappeset

Youngsters | prepare for chance to make Atlanta their names

By Our Sports Staff

THERE will be several familiar faces at Windsor Park, Belfast, tonight - Thomas Ravelli, wild-eyed goalkeeper, an enduring image of the 1994 World Cup finals; Stefan Schwarz, once of Arsenal, now with Fiorentina; Anders Limpar, also once of Arsenal. now an Everton player -Sweden internationals all. However, finding similarly well-known, widely-recognised figures in the Northern Ireland team that trots on to the pitch alongside the Swedes might be a bit more difficult.

Injuries, a suspension and an overdue first-born have stripped the Irish of half their regular team. Keith Gillespie, Phil Gray, Neil Lennon and Alan Fettis are all injured, lain Dowie is serving a one-match suspension and Bryan Hamilton, the manager, probably feeling that another absentee is not going to make much difference, has allowed Michael Hughes, the West Ham United winger, to attend the birth of his first child. In their stead may be four

newcomers to the international game. Aidan Davison, the Bolton Wanderers goalkeeper, Danny Griffin, 18, a central defender from St Johnstone, and two wingers, Jon McCar-try, of Port Vale, and James Quinn, of Blackpool, are in line for their first caps after impressing in the B team's 3-0 defeat of Norway B at Coleraine last month.

We are obviously under strength and, with our limitations of supply, it's difficult to carry these withdrawals," Hamilton said yesterday. This is an ideal opportunity for young players who have been on the verge of recogni-tion to prove themselves.

Nevertheless, even though his squad has been reduced to just 16. Hamilton has delayed finalising his team until midday today. Then, barring an unforseen brainstorm, Davison will take over from Fettis, McCarthy and Quinn will replace Gillespie and Hughes and, perhaps, Griffin will be at right back, allowing Steve Lomas, of Manchester City, to switch into his preferred role in

Wolverhampton Wanderers have withdrawn Mark Williams, their striker, from South Africa's match against Brazil in Johannesburg today and Steve Corica, their midfield player, from Australia's international with Chile in Santiago on Saturday. Both were injured against Crystal Palace last week and, with the team not yet safe from relegation, Mark McGhee, the manager, hopes to be able to field both against Huddersfield Town on Saturday.

Okesola to box for Britain in

FOLA OKESOLA, the south London heavyweight, was yesterday confirmed as Great Britain's second boxing representative at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. The other is David Burke, the Everyoni featherweight.
Okesola is able to an

Okesola is able to no because Denmark have decided not to send Michael Ibsen reportedly because they felt that he had little chance of winning a medal. Ibsen bear Okesola 14-12 in an Olympic box-off at the European chara-pionships. Okesola, 21, has lost five of his 30 bouts.

lan liwin, coach to ine Britain team, is optimistic also become available if some that wild-card entries in countries do not send a fuit complement of competitors

Britain struggle

Tennis: Great Britain face relegation to group two of the Fed Cup Europe Africa zone after losing 3-0 to Russia in La Manga, Spain, yesterday.
Sam Smith went down 6-1, 6-3
to Elena Makarova and Clare Wood lost 64, 64 to Elena Likhovtseva. Wood and Smith were beaten 7-6, 6-1 by Makarova and Anna Kourn-

Sergi Bruguera showed signs of recapturing his best form with a 6-2, 7-6 win over Andrea Gaudenzi, of Italy, inthe first round of the Monte. Carlo Open yesterday.

Camp boycott

Swimming: The leading three women in Great Britain's Olympic team are to shun the team's training camp in Florida. The coaches of Karen Pickering, Sarah Hardcastle and Susan Rolph believe that camp in Tallahassee would waste valuable training time. Richard Maden will miss the

Simpson strikes

Hockey: A 61st-minute goal by Rhona Simpson, the Scotland striker, steered Great Britain to a I-0 victory over Spain, the Olympic champions, at Clark University in Atlanta on Monday might. Tina Cullen set up the chance when she best a Spanish the ball into the circle for

Olazábal fear

Golf: Fears for José Maria Olazabal's career increased yesterday when he pulled out of another sournament, the Turespaña Masters in Valen-cia this week. Obzabal, 30. has rheumatoid arthritis in his feet and has not played

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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CRICKET

RUGBY UNION Courage Clubs Championship Finit division

Leicester v Gloucester (7.45) Heineken League First division Bridgend v Newport (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30): Cradley Heath and Stoke v Wolverhampton; crackey riesth and Stoke v Wokerhampton; Long Eaton v ipswich; Poole v Oxford: Scottish Monarchs v Reading (Glasgow) Speedway Star Cup: First round, first leg: Hull v Middlesbrough. TENNIES: 174 TENNIS: LTA women's satelite tournament (Edinburgh).

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11.0, 50 overs THE PARKS: Entieh Universities Warwickshire SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of divee): Bristol: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire Centerbury: Kent v Lancashire. Knowle and Domidge CC: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Pontypool (7.15); Cardiff Inst v Newport (7.0) NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Pro-miler division: Saddleworth v Woolston

OTHER SPORT

CRICKET NO PLAY YESTERDAY: University match: The Parks: Middlesex 197-5 (M W Geiting 63) v Oxford University, Match drawn. SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Centerbury: Lancashire 431-6dec; (P C McKrown 175, N T Wood 140); Kent 22-0. Second day of three: Knowle and Donidge: Derbyshire 300-3 dec (T J G O'Goman 115 not out; M R May 52) v Warwickshire. Final day of three: Taunton: Nothinghamshire 230-8 (V Alzael 58) v Somerset. Metch drawn.

FOOTBALL Monday's late results

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First divi

asylum one day, if this doesn't work out, but I will have enjoyed it come what may. I'm not God's gift to managers. I have made mistakes, and I will make them again, but I've been given this chance and I'll being doing my damnedest to make the most of it.' Gould views his Wales side as similar

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uncomfortable evening. Jorge has more recognised talent at his disposal, but a draw against Luxembourg and a defeat against Austria, since he took over from Hodgson, have dented confidence.

Bruce has double challenge in sight

STEVE BRUCE, the captain of Manchester United, had feared that he would miss the climax to the football season, but yesterday he announced that he plans to return in time to lead his team's challenges for the FA Carling Premier-ship and the FA Cup. Bruce will miss the game against Nottingham Forest on Sunday with a hamstring injury, but is optimistic about making the last Premiership game of the season, at Middlesbrough, and the FA Cup Final a week later.

"The last time I suffered a hamstring injury like this was at Christmas, and I was back in a fortnight and that is my aim again." he said. "It's far too early for this Sunday, but I am going to give it every chance for Middlesbrough."

Bruce has been troubled with the injury since the eve of the FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea, but it became a more serious problem when he stretched awkwardly during United's meeting with Leeds United last week. According to Greg Startley,

the club president, Brighton and Hove Albion will accept a leaseback offer from Chartwell plc, the property developers and new owners of the Goldstone Ground, enabling them to play one more season there rather than share Fratton Park with Portsmouth. Pressed by angry support-

SEOUL Men's bournament: First round: A Methedev (Uni) bt A Berastlegui (Sp) 6-4, 6-4; J Novak (C2) bt J Bourtman (Swe) 2-6, 7-6, 8-3, J Siemennik (Holi) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; D Rid (C2) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, R Furtian (II) bt D V P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-3, 7-2; M Philipoussis (Aus) bt G Schaller (Austria) 2-6, 7-6, 7-6; S Lareau (Can) bt M Knowles (Bahl 6-4, 6-3; G Pozzi (II) bt Han Mini-yu (S Korl 6-1, 6-3; T Johansson (Swe) bt Yoon Yong-1, (S Korl 6-2, 6-1; O Ogorodov (Usb) bt A Chang (Can) 6-2, 6-2; J Grabb (US) bt C Wilkinson (CB) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; J Stark (IUS) bt P Baur (Ger) 8-3, 8-4; G Rusadski (GB) bt J P Reuran (Fr) 7-6, 6-4 ers at a bad-tempered public meeting on Monday night, from which 200 were locked out, Stanley said: "We will stay at the Goldstone next year whatever it costs. Over my dead body will we go to

A £5 gift voucher when you buy

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two tickets to see the Monarchs The London Monarchs kicked off the 1996 season on April 14 in front of more than 16,000 fans. The excitement is set to

continue on on bank holiday Monday, May 6 against the fiery Barcelona Dragons. To add to the thrills of the season, the Monarchs and William "The Fridge" Perry have teamed up with Cobra Sports to offer readers of The Times a special ticket offer.

Readers get a £5 Cobra gift voucher, redeemable against

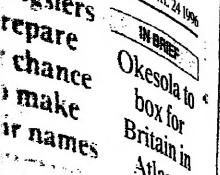
Sportswear at any Cobra store when they buy two £12.50 tickets to see the London Monarchs. The offer is available on four remaining London Monarchs home games: May 6 v Barcelona Dragons; May 19 v Frankfurt Galaxy; May 27 v Amsterdam Admirals:

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·Stoute tests strength for classic fray

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE recent Craven and Greenham fixtures proved pivotal to the classic ambitions of Henry Cecil, John Gosden and David Loder but one Newmarket trainer whose aspirations remain intact is Michael Stoute, All that changes over the next few days when the stable unleashes some of its better talent.

Stoute has concentrated his early-season assault on the two-day Sandown meeting. Soviet Line returns to eight furlongs in the Sandown Mile on Friday: Singspiel and Double Leaf turn out respectively in the Gordon Richards Stakes and Classic Trial the following day. In between, Dance Sequence, the forgotten horse of the 1,000 Guineas, has a searching workout in advance of her date on the Rowley Mile.

A spate of withdrawals has seen Dance Sequence slip quietly into classic contention. She boasts solid juvenile form but perhaps the most intriguing facet is that the Mr Prospector filly, bred to appreciate a mile, has yet to race beyond six furlongs. She just struggled to be competitive at six-furlong

pace in group one company.
"We wanted to try her over seven furlongs last season but basically ran out of options." Stoute said yesterday. Although that opportunity pre-sented itself via the Nell Gwyn Stakes last week, Stoute preferred to give her more time.

Dance Sequence has been very backward. She has taken time to blossom but I'm getting quite encouraged by her recent work," the trainer said. "She just needs to progress some more over the next week. Her gallop on Saturday is

therefore very important." Overall. Stoute declares himself short of quality three-

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year-olds. "We have some dependable types but we lack a little class. I don't think we have any stars although one or two of the older horses could make the grade," he said.

If there is a Derby candidate at Freemason Lodge, it will be Double Leaf. The son of Sadler's Wells reappears in competitive company on Satpleased with his condition. "If he fails to make his mark it won't be on the grounds of litness," Stoute said.

"He won nicely first time out and I thought he just wobbled a bit when he came off the bridle at Ascot after that. The softer ground might have found him out but his run on Saturday will tell us the time of day. There's just a question mark over whether he'll stay 12 furlongs but I have a good feel about him."

If Double Leaf appears Stoute's most promising colt in the 10-12 furlong range, Singspiel carries the torch among the older horses. His spirit survived some searching examinations last term, when he came out on the wrong end of four photo finishes — two in group one company. "Singspiel could be top class this year," Stoute said. "He was only just beaten by the likes of Halling and Pentire so in that sense he does not have to

progress much."
Singspiel rounded off a strenuous season when restoring his confidence in lesser company at Doncaster. His campaign commences at Sandown on Saturday, when Stoute, four times the champi-

on trainer, will largely discover whether he is to be competitive in the best company. It may be a long season but Stoute recognises that the

seeds must be sown early on.

Klairon Davis confirms Cheltenham mastery

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FROM ALAN LEE AT PUNCHESTOWN

THE Irish conquered Cheltenham in impressive numbers this year but they are in no mood to return the hospitality. The first day of the Punchestown Festival featured a majestic reprise from the champion two-mile steeplechaser Klairon Davis, and a deflating eclipse of the British raiding party.

There was no Viking Flagship in his way here, but otherwise Klairon Davis once more took on and defeated the fastest chasers of his generation. He won the BMW Handicap Chase by ten lengths, eased down by Francis Woods, and when asked if this is the best horse he has trained, Arthur Moore replied: "Isn't he the best most people have trained?

Every time he's been right, he has won." Moore said, his naturally fretful expression relaxing into a slow, sweet smile. "He is a fantastic horse, because he is only seven but has already won 14 races." Few of the 14 have been gained more assertively than this and once Klairon Davis had left his principal rival, Sound Man, trailing with an astounding leap at the third last, the result was not in doubt.

The winner could even survive his only mistake, two from home, without giving Woods cause for more than momentary concern. When he hit that fence I thought damn it, it'll be hard work now," Woods said. "But he picked up again for me. The soft ground was in his favour. he travels so well on it."



All, indeed, had looked to be in the champion's favour, especially with four of his seven opponents out of the handicap. But some were not convinced. David Lloyd once more left behind his tennis duties to watch Sound Man run and, before the race, said of his horse: "They say he won't like the ground but I don't believe that any more. I think horses are just like

Reveille was pulled up. tennis players - they do it if they are in the mood." Thousands in the crowd

agreed and Sound Man was acked down to favouritism, He travelled easily until taking up the running six from home but could not cope when Klairon Davis changed gear, and only just held off Opera Hat for second. Nakir, in fourth, was the best of the British trio, of whom Coulton fell at the first and Sound

Despite a fleeting tempta-tion to run him in France, yesterday's prize is likely to end Klairon Davis's season.

He has won at two consecutive Cheltenham Festivals and he will be back next spring. But Moore will not be deterred from returning to Aintree, too, despite the disappointment behind Viking Flagship last month. "I wouldn't be afraid to go back. I think it was travelling over think it was travelling to be the state of the twice in a fortnight that beat

Only in Ireland, and at this cheerfully informal Festival. could a major race day begin with a hunter chase and

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES)

(Div I: \$2,108: 2m 4l 110yd) (12 runners)

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5-2 Wassi Street, 5-1 Golden Drum, 6-1 Jonaam. 8-1 Highland View, Barnstormer, 16-1 More Champagne. Conston Joken, 12-1 others

3.10 BALLATHIE HOUSE HOTEL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,402: 3m 110yd) (13)

1 0030 FATHER O'SRIEN 36 (CD,6,5) J Edwards 9-11-12 B Potts (7) 94 2 F3SF CALLERNOY 23 (5) D Lamb 6-11-6 . . J Davies (7) 88 3 0336 DOCKMASTER 14 (S) Mes M Milligan 5-11-5

3 0336 DOCRAMASTER 14 (5) Mes M Midgam 5-11-5

4 2454 STORIM DRUM 16 (8,D,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 1-15-6 P Rebzon (7) 94
5 3000 GRACE CARD 67 (20,6,5) R Words 10-11-2, S Switzer 95
6 1775 DORIM CASTE 71 (5) L Words 10-11-2, C Score (2) 97
7 4021 MEW TRIBE 8 (7),6,5 J J Birthat 5-10-12 (Sex) ... R Hade (5) 84
8 UCSS HICHOLOS PLANT 4 (5) J Birthat 5-10-10, C Remove (7) 99
9 0500 SRIEF REJMON 11 (6) S Krittered 5-10-10. O MicPhall (7) 92
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4-5 Parsons Boy, 9-2 Howstruck, 5-1 Rocket Run, 6-1 Julie Box Billy, 16-Seelang Gold, 20-7 Beckley Fountain.

4.10 ALBERT BARTLETT & SONS HANDICAP HURDLE

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2 5135 KING ATHELSTAM 43 (D.BF.F.G.S.) N Mongan 8-11-9 A S Smith 95

3 3144 TOM BRODIE 16 (D.BF.F.G.S.) H Johnson 6-11-4

Mr C Bommer (3) 93

4 1220 STASH THE CASH 37 (D.G.S.) 1 Dyes 5-10-10 . . . A Dobbler 93

5 P461 MERRY MERRMAD 30 (D.S.) P MacAgager 6-10-4 _ B Statesy 93

8 4542 CURRENT SPEECH 5 (B.D.S.) T Eacherty 5-10-0 . . . L Wyer 93

7 2276 STEAUFAST ELITE 5 (B.B.) J 1 O'Neat 5-10-0 . A Roche (3) 95

7-4 Tom Brode, 7-2 King Athelash, 5-1 Marry Mermald, 7-1 Current Speech, 8-1 Ferofest, Start The Castr, 12-1 Steadlest Eine.

4.40 SHEPHERD & WEDDERBURN HANDICAP CHASE

AF Series 91
2 43P- FOUR DEEP 382 (F.G.,5) H Johnson 8-10-9 Mr G Borner (3) 84
3 (P-P DANTE'S REFERRO 37 (CD.G.S) Mr. S Bauburne 10-10-6
4 1P23 EAST HOUSTON 47 (F.G.) J J O'Nett 7-10-5 ... L Wyw (5)
5 1112 STORMY CDRAL 33 (D.G.S) C Parter 6-10-5 ... 8 Screey 98
6 211- LAST REFUSES 373 (D.F.S) T Can 7-10-6 ... A Dobbin 89
7 -634 WAYLFROL 33 (D.S.) J O'Nex 9-10-4 ... A Rocke (3) 90
8 P413 HAG'S WAY 11 (S) M Todhurne 6-10-0 ... B Harding 91
9 3P02 POTATD MAN 37 (D.S) B Ellison 10-10-0 ... G Cartill (3) 91
10 03-9 DEROLINE 9 (B.D.G.S) S Chaddwich 13-10-0 ... F Permitt
7-4 Stormy Coral 5-1 East Houston, 6-1 Hag's Way, 7-1 Wayuphib, 8-1 Four Deep, Led Refuge, 12-1 Dark Dawn, 16-1 others.

1 F48P PORPHYRIDS 25 (S) K Bailey 5-11-5 ... A Thornton 98
2 PDS SPEAKER'S HOUSE 18 (F) Miss L Russell 7-11-5 ... M Faster 82
3 2221 WELSH MELL 18 (D, S) Airs M Revelley 7-11-5 ... P Reven 84
4 00 ASTRAL WEBS 13F L Lungs 5-10-12 ... A Doublen 60
5 D4PS MILSIC BLITZ 18 Mirs D Thornson 5-10-12 ... T Reed 69
6 0 SELYER PEARL 149 W Reed 5-10-12 ... B Harding 4-49 Westh Mull, 5-1 Porphyraus, 8-1 Astral Weeks, 12-1 Speaker's House, Missic Blitz, 25-1 Silver Pearl

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: K Baley, 11 winners from 23 numers, 47 PK; Mrs M Revoley, 23 from 51, 45 1%; L Lungo, 8 from 21, 38 1%; S kettlewell, 4 from 15, 25,7%; P Beaumont, 4 from 17, 23 5%; J Golde, 4 from 18

5.40 PARTY HAS STARTED MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div II: £2.094: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 PPIU DARK DAWN 26 (CD,F,G,S) Nrs 1 Brown 12-11-10

5.10 MOET & CHANDON NOVICES HURDLE

SERIES FINAL (Novices chase: £6,908: 3m) (6)

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proceed with a three-mile race over bank fences. Yet Punchestown is an increasing lure to British trainers keen for a final substantial pay day of the season.

The best hope of an away win lay in the Country Pride Champion Novices' Hurdle. Nick Henderson's Kimanicky, second in the equivalent race at Cheltenham, was sent off favourite but was unsuited by the soft ground. The prize was between Britain's Ashwell Boy, ridden by Richard Dunwoody, and Ireland's Bolino Star, when both fell independently at the last hurdle.

Dance Beat, trained by Jessica Harrington, was left to win comfortably and the British day did not improve. Super Coin was a well beaten third in the Bradstock Insurance Novices' Chase and Andros Prince occupied the same position in the Berkeley Court Handicap Chase, won by another of Moore's inmates, Professor Strong.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Pontefract

Going: good 2.20 (51) 1, Capitain Carnit (C West, 13-2), 2. Belinda Blue (9-1), 3, My Cherrywell (16-1), 4, Petraco (4-1), Isavi, Kira 4-1), Isav 17 ran, Nir Snotch, 1), 5h Ind Mrs J Rameden Tote: 55 20; £1 30, £1.80, £2.70, £1.70 DF-534 90 7rio: £476.80 (52.70, £1.70 DF-534 90 7rio: £476.80 (52.70, £1.70 DF-5335 66 carried forward to 5.20 at Caherck lodey) CSF, £57 80 Trocest £864.80.

3.50 RICHMOND CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-0: £5,178: 1m 3f 214yd) (4 runners)

2.50 (1m 2' 6yd) 1, Backutop (J Reid, 5-4 fav), 2, Shooting Light (20-1); 3, Kathryn's Pet (11-1) 12 ran '4i, St. P. Chapple-Hvern, Tote, £2.20, £1 40, £9 10, £1.60, DF: £106 40 fro: £158, £0 (pert won, pool of £77.97 carried lorward to 5.20 at Catterick today). CSF: £28.06.

3.29 (8) 1, Smert Guest (K Fallon, 7-1): 2. Sea-Deer (5-2 tev); 3, Blue Grit (9-2) 8 ram VI, 11. J A Harra, Tote: £3 50; £2.00, £1.50, £1.10 DF £11 80, CSF, £23 96.

invounts in latest race). Going on which horse has non (F — Son, good to lime, hard. 6 — good, S — soll, good to soll, heavy). Owner in bracisels. Traver. Age and weight. Rider plots any allowance.

GUIDE TO OUR RACEGARD

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5.20 SPRING HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,444: 7f) (20 runners)

4.50 FRINGELL LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,753: 7f) (8 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Prince Of My Heart, 2-1 House Of Riches, Reinhardt, 12-1 Swee Hunie

4,20 SEDBURY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,850: 5f) (13 runners)

3.50 (1m -q/d) 1, Master Charter (K Fallon, 9-4 tay, Richard Evans's nap), 2, Celestias Chor. (10-1); 3. Catton Fox (14-1), 4. Wentbridge Lad (10-1), 19 ran, 2), 6), Mrs. J. Ramecien, Toter (25 St., 21 Ed., 21 St., 22 St., 22 Tio. 22 St., 22 St., 22 Tio. 22 St., 4.20 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Humouriess (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, Noble Sprinter (5-1), 3, Ladykirk (5-1), Sadier's Walk 7-4 lav. 7 ran 5, 1 v.l. L Currenz Tole: £2.80, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £17.00 CSF £20.38

27/ 00 CSF 23/36 Loyle, 9-2), 2, Greek Night Out (8-1), 3, Sujud (5-1), Noyan 4-1 (av 15/an, 3/e, nk. C Brittsin, Toter 24 00; 22 30, 22 50, 22 90, DF 211,70, Trior 240,40, CSF 242,46 Tricaer £181,80

Jackpot: £21,868.30 (0.13 winning tick-sts; pool of £21,560.32 certied forward to Catterick today).

Folkestone

B-7); 2. Algums Hideaway (5-2); 3, Marrisab (11-8 hay); 10 ran. 1 %), 1 %; M Hisaion-Eles Tole. 68 90. 62 50, C; 1:0, C; 1-20, DF. E16-20 Trio: E5:10, CSF: 231 43, 2.30 (6f 169); 01, 3, Crisca Inhorated A Daly, 10-1, Thunderar's rapp); 2, The Stager (8-1), 3, Office Hours (25-1) Jamy Cutrons 11-8 faw, 10 ran Mr. 41, S Dow Toler C12 90; £2-30, £3 10, £4-20 DF, £40 40, Trio: \$14.790 CSF: £87.12, 3, 20 65 1, Without Friedrick (1) CYALARI & co. 3.00 (5) 1, Without Friends (D C'Neil, 5-2), 2, Helio Dolly (15-8 lav); 3, Who Told Voloy (14-1), 8 ren. 11, 3t. R Hernton Totar £3.50, £2.00, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £5.20 CSF: £7.99. 22.00, £1.50, £2.40. DF £5.20 CSF: £7.99.
3.30 (8) 1. Spotted Eagle (D O'Neil, 14-1); 2. Watch The Fire (Evens lav), 3. Blassed Spirit (100-30), 9 ran. 1%, 2% R Harson. Take £16.60; £2.80, £1.10, £1.70 DF: £14.00 Tino: £13.10. CSF. £27.81.
4.00 (1m. 7) £2/d) 1. The Lad (Mertin Dwyer, 4-1); 2. Courbani (9-2); 3. lichterae (11-1). Ajder 5-2 lav 8 ran MR. Durham, Sociema 3%, 1%, 1. Montague Hall Toler £5.30, £1.80, £1.10, £2.80. DF. £14.30 Tro: £76.80 CSF. £22.33. Tricest £17.2.29

£172.29
4.30 (1m 4f) 1. Ashby Hit (R Cochrane, 7-1); 2. Fast Forward Frad (20-1), 3. Jean De Florette (16-1) Ptp's Dream Evens lav. 13 ran. NR: Jovie King, 11, 3f4. R Rowe. Toter 59.70; £3.20, £8.70, £2.50 DF. £128.60 Trics: £159.10. CSP: £126.79 Tricast, £1,995.60.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HOUSE OF RICHES (3.50 Catterick) Next best: Amy Leigh (4.20 Catterick)

5.00 (1m 1l 149yd) 1, Salecracker (M Henry, 5-2); 2. Efficacious (14-1); 3, Dungeon Princess (8-1), Bascool 2-1 fav. 12 ran, NR: Ballwindt, Petros Pride, Soviet Saltu, 5, W J Hills Tote: £3 50; £2.40, £2 80, £1 90 DF: £51 20. Trio: £111 00 ipart wort; pool of £140,78 camed toward to 5.20 at Catterick today) CSF: £36.51. Tricast, £234.46 Plecapot: £405.90. Quadpot: £45.70.

Going: soft, with heavy patches 2.10 (2m 3t 110yd ch) 1, Fools Errand (A P McCoy, 2-1 tay), 2, The Go Ahead (9-4); 3, Lyrical Seal (50-1) 10 ran 7, 23, G Balding, Total 22.90; £1.40, £1.40, £1.00 DF: £3.70 Trio: £95.30, CSF, £6.96 2.40 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1, Sparkling Yasmin (A P McCoy, 30-100 fay); 2, Carole's Crusader (14-11: 3, Jauray, June (9-1) 15 ran. NR: Panguin 316l, disl. P Hobbs. Tote. 21.30; 21.10, 21.80, 22.20. DF 23.80, Trior 26.80. CSF: £7.10.

Chepstow

DF E3-80. (NOT DE 80. CSF: E7 10. 3.10 (3m ch) 1. Miss MBBrook (Mr E Williams, 9-1); 2. Welch Legion (100-30); 3. Oscools (16-1). Goolds Gold 11-8 fav 13 ran. NF: Sister Lark. 29. 29. D. Goldsworthy. Tote: £11.10; £2.80, £1.70, £1.70. DF. £24.20 Trio: £43.10. CSF £35.52. C35.52 3.40 (2m 1 10yd hdie) 1, Fourth in Line (R Johnson, Evens lav); 2, Major Bugler (7-2); 3, Kissair (3-1), 5 nan, 71, 61, J Edwards, Total: £1.70; £1.30, £1.80 DF £3.90, CSF: £4 72

23.90, CSF: 24.72
4.10 (3m 2! 110yd ch) 1, Holy Sting (C Liewellyn, 10-1); 2, Juransic Classoc (6-1); 3, Benjamin Lancaster (20-1); 4, Demond Fort (20-1). Born Deep 9-2 tav 20 ran Nff My Main Man, Nickle Joe 2#1, 281 N Twiston-Davies. Tote £12.10; 22.70, 51.70, 510.20, 54.80. DF: 550.80. Tric. 5827.50. CSF: 567.27. Tricast £1.121.39 peer, 50, CSP: 227. Incast: \$1,121.39 4,40 (2m 110)d fidelg 1, Forestal (Mr J Jukes, 5-1); 2, Derius The Great (9-1); 3, Mouse Bird (9-13 fav), 11 can. NR Febulous Mitoto, Immense, Jimaister, Mahler, Mr Goonhally, 2, nt. S Griffaths Totar 25.10; £1.80, £1.30, £1.0, OF-£11.70, Trics £2.50, CSF: £46.53.

5.10 (2m 110yd) 1, Tarrock (D Byrne, 9-2); 2, Hamilton Silk (11-8 tay); 3, Pilopance (11-2), 13 ran, NR: Millitone, Prior's Corner, Sweet Trentino, 41, 3/bl. Mrs. M Jones Total 25.30, £1.10, £1.80, £2.20, DF £5.80, Trio: £11.90, CSF: £11.14, Placepot: £25.50. Quadpot: £14.90. BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Catteriels

SOUTHWELL PERTH

2.40 Corston Joker. 3.10 Brief Reunion. 3.40 Parsons Boy. 4.10 Stash The Cash. 4.40 Wayuphill. 5.10 Welsh Mill. 5.40 Cattly Hang.

THUNDERER 2.00 Bit Of Bother, 2.30 Instantaneous, 3.00 Awesome Venture, 3.30 Depiction, 4.00 Arington Lady, 4.30 Miss Offset, 5.00 Smile Forever.

GOING: STANDARD

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 APHRODITE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,031: 1m) (9 runners)

1 2385 SPENCER'S REVENGE 11 (B,CD,F,S) N Tokker 7-9-10

5-2 Bd Ol Bother, 9-2 Spenser's Revenge, Pseceluli Reply, 5-7 No Sul 8-1 Princess Purngaddy, Allenas, 10-1 others 2.30 GREEK GOD APPRENTICE HANDICAP

2-1 Mr. Morterly, 9-4 Tempering, 9-2 Carol Again, 7-1 Instantaments, 8-1 Adaicaldo, 16-1 Wadada, Shepherds Rest. 20-1 others. 3.00 APHRODITE CLAIMING STAKES

11 O104 D'ARBLAY STREET 16 (B.BF,C.S) W Kemp 7-10-6
M H Naughton (7) 95
12 -344 THE LAUSHANG LORD 50 (C.F.G.S) Mess, I. Russel 10-10-6
13 6001 STERRA MADRONA 47 (D.F.S) Mes A Sambura 8-10-1
M Crobon (7) 91 (Div II: £2,031: 1m) (9)

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3.30 HERA MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,381: 6f) (7)

3 DEPICTION 33 R Estets 9-0 ... W Woods 1
3-35 FRONTAMN 16 I Barron 9-5 ... J Fortente 2
0- NO HONKS PLACE 243 B Hanbury 9-0 ... W Ryan 7
005 TOPANDORA BAY 16 Mrs V Aconley 9-0 ... I William 1
25-5 CHALICE 5 J Baiding 8-9 ... J Edmands (7) 6
4500 NAPRER STAR 22 Mrs. N Mocauley 8-4 ... C Teagne (5) 5
TASHTAM'A N Lettroof B-9 ... T 6 MicLaughlin 3
TASHTAM'A N Lettroof B-9 ... T 6 MicLaughlin 3
Tashtam'A N Lettroof B-9 ... T 1-1 Naples Star. 5-4 Depiction, 11-4 No Histing Place, 7-2 Frontman, 8-1 Chalco, 18-1 Napler Star, 20-1 Topanoora Bay, 33-1 Tashkaya.

4.00 ACHILLES HANDICAP (3-Y-0; £2,381: 6f) (9) B R McCabe (3) 9
8 D-35 ARLINISTON LADY 26 (B,D,F) N Cellagham 5-0 Colenn 5
9 000- AWAREN 174 S Meldor 8-0 N Adems 2
9-4 Mattama, 9-2 Bee Hoalth Boy. 5-1 Arlington Lady, 6-1 Direc-C, 8-1 Principal
Boy, Monsleur Catsyth, 10-1 others.

4.30 APOLLO SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,070: 7f) (9)

5-2 Miss Offsel, 3-1 Elipetite, 4-1 Loch Style, 5-1 Ambetra, 6-1 People Bireci, 8-1 Shelles Dream, 10-1 others.

5.00 NEPTUNE MAIDEN HANDICAP

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K McAuble, 6 womers from 23 numers, 26 1%, M Johnston, 36 from 190, 18 9%; R Guest, 5 from 32, 15 6%, T Barron, 36 from 236, 15.3%; S Bowring, 42 from 294, 14 3%, J Berry, 33 from 238, 13 9% JOCKEYS: J Future, 24 wasters from 150 ride; 16.0%, F Lynch, 10 from 65, 15.4%; C Teague, 19 from 142, 13.4%, G Dutleid, 21 from 199, 11.1%, F Roston, 12 from 199, 11.1%, A McGiona, 5 from 47, 10.6%.

CATTERICK THUNDERER 2.20 LOCHON (map) 3.50 House Of Riches 4.20 Amy Laigh 2.50) Can't Remember

3.20 Cross Talk 5.20 Green Gem The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 HILL FARM DANCER. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3,20 Admirals Secret. 4.50 Menoo Hai Batal. 5.20 WHITE PLAINS (nap).

4.50 Elité Force

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.20 BELLE ISLE APPRENTICES LIMITED STAKES (£2,810; 5f 212yd) (13 runners)

BETTING: 9-2 The Institute Boy, 5-1 Penny Paries, 6-1 Lochon, 7-1 Efficacy, 8-1 Chiey, 10-1 Parifies, 12-1 Best Repl Secret, 14-1 others.

1995; WE'RE JOKEN 3-7-10 C Lowber (10-1) J Berry 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE INSTITUTE BOY best Lord Sky %I in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 50), LOCHON 4%I 4th to Deeply Vals in amedicus handicus at Wolverhampion (AW, 50), PERRY PARICES 19/1 (5) BEST KEPT SECRET 6%I 55h to Defin a selling handicus pat Musseburgh (71, good), PANTMER 4, 4th to My Gallery in handicus at Hamilton (9), good 2.50 JOCKEY CAP SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,343: 51) (10 runners)

1995: MONSIGUE CULSYTH B-11 J Carroll (4-9 tax) J Serty 6 rain FORM FOCUS

MRLL EMD GRIL best Jib Jab 1941 in claimer at 1 hard (54, good) in https://doi.org/10.1001/10.

3.20 WIN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (£3,753: 1m 3f 214yd) (11 runners)

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301 (3) 0/20433- GEURRE DRLIMGHAM 298 (F.G) (Carlton App Lid) Demys Smith 6-10-0 J Carroll 87
302 (2) 364-206 LUNEYOURRILOMS 27 (F.S) (M Doyle) M Johnston 49-13. J Wester 94
303 (7) 5/0501-0 FASH 21 (S) (Carlton) S Geometri 4-9-6. S K Darley 93
304 (9) 1434-80 ND PATTERN 27 (F.G) (K Higson) 6 L Moore 49-3. S Windsorth 93
305 (10) 5-00541 CROSS TAIX 28 (CF.S) (L Begl) R Holinchrood 4-8-13. D Getikins (6) 90
306 (10) 5-00541 CROSS TAIX 28 (CF.S) (L Begl) R Holinchrood 4-8-13. D Getikins (6) 90
307 (6) 6050-30 ADMERALS 9ECRET 12 (CD,Br.F.G) (Mrs C Was) C Wai 7-8-8 J F Egen 95
308 (1) 6056-60 HOUSE OF DREAMS 13 (J & A LLESson Liby 6 Moore 49-2. J F Egen 95
309 (8) 0054-70- MALM, 331J (D.F.S) (Mrs P Water) J Weinwerght 7-9-6. L Charrock 85
310 (11) 4-20112 HILL FARM ORNORER 22 (D.F.G) (M Hoghes) W Bristoneme 5-7-11 Ions Winds (7) 84
311 (4) 03530-4 HASTA LA VISTA 14 (B,CD,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Esstarty 6-7-10 R Mallem (7) 84
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BETTINES: 3-1 Cross Talk, 9-2 Hill Farm Dancer, 5-1 Admirals Secret, 6-1 George Diffunctions, No Pattern, 8-1 Hasta La Vista, 10-1 Loveyourn@lone, 12-1 others 1995: PHARLY DANCER 6-8-1 Date Stocks (12-1) W Haigh 12 ran FORM FOCUS

GEORGE DILLINGHAM 4%1 3rd of 17 to Bold Galt in Insuffice at Memoractic (2m, from). LOVE/YOU-DILONS 12 folk of 12 to Schambors in handleso at Liebester (7t, soft). FASH 16 8th of 13 to Fast at Liebester (7t, soft). FASH 16 8th of 13 to Fast Of Vision in claims at Hamilton (1m 11, good to Soft) with the Company of the Co CATTERICK

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SPECIALISTS IMAUNENS: D resting, 3 wysters itch 14 runners, 75,0%; B Hills., 14 from 36, 38 9%; P Chapple-Hyem. 4 from 13, 30 8%; W G M Turner, 3 from 10, 30,0%; C Wall, 3 from 14, 21 4%; M Stoute, 4 from 22, 18 2%; Denys Smith, 5 from 28, 17,0%.

D. ZU SPRING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,444: 7f) (20 runners)

1 (16) 569-3 NKAPEN ROCKS 20 (Laty Liford) J Wilson 9-7. A Clark 91
2 (17) 61-53 WHITE PLANS 8 (7) (Dala LM) M Bed 9-5 M Franco 97
4 (4) 629216 DIMENIET 188 (6) (Barton Agres Bisonstack) J Wake 9-5 K Construction 93
5 (2) 00012-3 TIME CLASH 131 (F.6) (May D Hopkers Bisonstack) J Wake 9-5 M Communton 93
6 (7) 204-01 FOREST 80Y 13 (K3) (Righgare Developments Ltd) K Mackatifis 9-2 J F Gyan 92
7 (3) 06002-4 AZOTIC 156 (8 Parker) J Nation 9-0 Developments Ltd) K Mackatifis 9-2 J F Gyan 92
8 (20) 25330-6 MORPINES SUPPRINS 22 (S) (Also D Bication) A Junios 8-12 J T Tab 84
9 (9) 1400-0 THOPICAL BEACH 15 (G) (J Usesmith) J Berry 8-11 J Cannol 93
10 (18) 210050- 82 VER WELCOME 179 (D.F) (P Hurst) T Existerly 8-10 M Mitch 11 (13) 331900 VESSICA LARY 193 (CD.F) (C Hurst) T Existerly 8-10 M M Rich 11 (13) 331900 VESSICA LARY 193 (CD.F) (C Hurst) E Moree 8-8 Developmen 96
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14 (14) 000- ESCOBAR 194 (also J MacPhesterly P Calver 8-5 A Cartena 90
15 (15) 420200 EURO BORRESS 204 (8) (C Steness) T Existerly 8-4 Developmen 8-4 J Stock (7) - 11 (8) 000- GNOSE ROUNESS 221 (K Hodgson) R Walater 8-4 Developmen 8-9 C C Carrey 87
16 (19) 00004 SHAPP NR 1818 (8 Wood) Mrs J Remedia 8-4 J Stock (7) - 11 (9) 00004 SHAPP NR 1818 (8 Wood) Mrs J Remedia 8-2 C C Carrey 87
20 (5) 560004 PERCY PARK 12 (K Hodgson) M Dests 8-2 L Charmock 93
10 (19) 00004 SHAPP NR 1818 (8 Wood) Mrs J Remedia 8-2 C C Carrey 87
12-1 Sanoblester, Vestica Lindy, 14-1 Robbs Choice, Dremant, 16-1 others. 1995: MAC'S TAXI 8-10 J Stock (12-1) P Haslam 19 ran FORM FOCUS

MICAPEN ROCKS 4f 3rd of 14 to Eben Ness is makin. Namicab at Masselbooth (7f, good). WHITE PLANS 24f 3rd of 13 to Sky Dome in landscap at Langiad (AW, 7b, ROREST BOY beat handscap at Namentat (7f, good to lars). GREPN deed 13 to Sky Dome in landscap at Namentat (7f, good to lars). GREPN deed 13 to Sky Dome in landscap at Namentat (7f, good to lars). DRIGHUET beat Caspnary Mil in 12-more suchea maybe at Myr (8f, good) on paralle-

Davis discovers positive attitude to secure epic victory over Thorne

Composed McManus stages recovery

FOLLOWING the shining example set by Steve Davis the previous day, Alan McManus displayed admirable resilience under pressure to reach the last 16 of the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

McManus, 5-3 adrift after Monday's opening session, strung together seven consecutive frames to beat Mick Price 10-3. It was the kind of composure which enabled him to beat Ken Doherty 9-8 in the final of the Thailand Open last month.

Matches at this level, even those contested over the extended best-of-19 frames distance, are often transformed by a single shot, either exceptional or errant, and that certainly applied in this instance.

Price, the world No 21, was on the verge of opening a 6-3 advantage by winning the first frame of the concluding session, but he missed a simple pink from short range. McManus eventually deared with 36 to trail 5-4, and thereafter Price managed to creep into double figures in just one of the next frames. Burying his wilting rival

under an avalanche of points, McManus subsequently con-structed breaks of 48, 55, 47, 125, 43, and 64, to set up a meeting with John Higgins or Martin Clark in the second

Twenty minutes into the fourth day of the event, Davis recorded his 51st match victory in 17 years of Crucible competition by beating Willie Thorne 10-8. Few of those wins have been harder fought.

As so often this season, Davis was bogged down in a the encounter. The "balance" to which snooker's master tactician constantly refers, was missing until an 8-5 deficit forced him to adopt a more



McManus in action during the concluding session of his victory over Price at the Crucible Theatre yesterday. Photograph: Eric Whitehead

When Thorne doubled a respotted black to a corner pocket in the 13th frame, Davis faced his second successive opening round exit from the championship, and only his fourth defeat at the hands of Thorne in 27

"I thought I was history, and I told myself caution was useless," said Davis. "I suddenly felt the mental shackles come off, and things turned

The pivotal moment arrived

in the 15th frame. Leading 55-18, with only three reds remaining. Thorne missed a pink he would normally pot with ease. Davis cleared with 38 to snatch it on the final black, and plant seeds of doubt in Thorne's mind.

Thorne has lost three matches 54 after being 4-1 ahead this season, so when Davis established a 9-8 lead with a superbly controlled 64 clearance in the 17th frame after being 47-7 behind, the writing was on the wall.

Again, Thorne led 51-32 in the eighteenth frame, when an attempted double to a middle pocket went astray. Davis deared with 31 to secure a meeting with Terry Griffiths or Jamie Burnett in the last 16. "I dragged something out and although I struggled, actually pulling through like that does your self-belief a power of

ity on such matters. In the next round, Davis looks likely to meet Burnett, from Scotland, who marked

good," said Davis, an author-

his Crucible debut by establishing a 6-1 advantage over Terry Griffiths. Burnett performed creditably on what is always a trying occasion for any player, but Griffiths was ecogniseable as the rockhard competitor who captured the title at his first attempt 17

Nigel Bond, winner of the British Open two weeks ago thanks to a 9-8 black ball victory over John Higgins, was on course for another close finish against Anthony

vears ago

Hamilton, of Nottingham. Bond, who led 50 midway through the opening session on Monday, fell 7-6 in arrears before edging 8-7 ahead. Meanwhile, Ken Doherty

suffered from a sluggish start against Nick Terry, another Crucible newcomer, and found himself 5-3 in arrears entering last night's concluding session.

SMST ROUND (Engined origins stated): R Louise to J Parent 10-6; 5 Danis 12 W Thomas 10-8; A McManus (Scot) to M Proc 10-5; N Teny leads, K Doberty (ire) 5-3; J Burntif (Scot) leads T Griffith (Males) 6-1; N Bord (audia A Haprillon 8-7)

Bowlers meet on level terms

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

HISTORY was made at the Tye Green indoor bowls club, Harlow, yesterday, when a team representing the British Wheelchair Bowls Association met the might of the English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) for the first

Until recently, competitors in wheelchairs were restricted because officials feared that the carpet — most clubs' biggest investment — might be damaged by the narrow rubber wheels of conventional chairs.

With the development of a purpose-built bowls buggy a chair with wide, low-friction

bowlers no longer have to deliver off hardboard plat-forms and thus have been accorded the "freedom of the

The buggy has made all the difference in the world," Penny Tyler, of Coventry. will be representing Great Britain in the Paralympics in Atlanta next August, said. "We used to play feel we are playing the real

"Men with spinal injuries or those who have strokes can play bowls for relaxation, or take the game seriously and challenge the very best. Unfortunately, although I was invited to play today against the men, the women's national indoor association won? let me play in their

Peter Harris, the EIBA president, said: "Some of these wheelchair bowlers are extremely skilful and it's great to see them getting totally immersed in the game."

As for the match itself, it was won by the EIBA, who fielded one international, ray of leading officials. It was, however, no runaway victory: Peter Court's wheelchair rink went down by two shots to Neighbour: David Peacock's lost to Ron Shayshutt by four, after leading 15-6, and Tony Allen's quartet went down by



The new wheelchair is put through its paces during yesterday's match in Harlow

RFU promises no satellite sell-out

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) is like a full back going for an interception: succeed and you score a match-winning try, fail and you end up with egg on your face. If it can persuade its angry five nations' partners that its vision of the televised future of the game is correct, there will be jam for everyone, but it is a

high-risk vision. Yesterday, at Twickenham, RFU officials spelt out the virtues of negotiating a new television contract independently of Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Their belief is that, by practising what they preach, the other unions will benefit: at the same time, the RFU guarantees there will be no sell-out to satellite television

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Rome, the head of the year).

SACCO BENEDETTO

L Ral! and the threat of Rxa4 is decisive.

CARBONADO

CUDULE

The other unions will take some convincing: they suggest that a three-year deal worth strength and threaten to suspend fixtures with England way down to schools games -unless joint negotiations with

The five nations' championship has developed as one of the most popular and successful annual sporting competitions and has a worldwide appeal," an Irish Rugby Football Union statement runs. "Its success has been achieved through the joint efforts and equal contributions of all the participants."

more than £130 million from Sky Sports lies on the RFU table; they believe that unity is after next season - not only at international level but all the the broadcasters are resumed.

The RFU, however, ac-knowledges the financial im-

peratives of the open game, as

who let his more bustling partner get on with the business and run the show into the ground. Hence a proverbial name for someone in office who is a mere faintant and name to put at the head of the office. (b) A colleague of Julius Caesar in the consulship, a mere cipher in office,

(a) Or Gudula or Gudila, St. The patron saint of Brussels, daughter of Count Witger, died 712. She is represented with a lantern, from a tradition that she was one day going to the church of St Morzelle with a lantern

which went out, but the Holy Virgin lighted it again with her prayers. Gudule's feast day is January 8, a dark day for one's lantern to be blown

(b) Or saco bendiso, Italian or Spanish for a blessed sack or cloak, the

devils, worn by those going to the stake at an auto da fê after condemnation by the Spanish Inquisition. Pertitents who had been taken before the Inquisition had to wear this habit for a stated period.

(c) Grilled meat or fish. Strictly speaking, a carbonado is a piece of meat cut crosswise for the grid-iron. From the Latin curbo a coal. Shakespeare,

Henry IV, Part I, v, iii. "If he do come in my way; so; if he do not — if I come in his willingly, let him make a carbonado of me."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

yellow linen robe with two crosses on it, and painted over with flames and

longer is it a question, its officials claim, of big crowds and perimeter advertising; only television can turn international sport into global sport. The medium must be courted, for the benefit of the game as a whole. An impressive array of sta-

tistics supports the RFU case for a bigger slice of the television cake: its 2,045 clubs and 3,056 schools, as against Scotland's 212 and 196, Wales's 419 and 810, and Ireland's 209 and 203. Its annual expenses, twice as much as any of the others, their domination (82 per cent) of the available advertising

That it has a £34 million debt on the new Twickenham stadium and an annual service charge of £3.5 million a year it freely acknowledges.

opposed to what has been. No Nor does it seek a specific percentage of the new con-tract, due to come into effect next April: instead, it seeks recognition of its substantially greater responsibilities.

"Our consultants suggest that, in negotiating singly, broadcasters will go from one country to the other to compete for the rights to matches played in the different territories," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. "I think that. the colour of the broadcasters' money, they will see it as well worthwhile continuing to play each other.

"We want to fire the market up. It is much more vibrant by having Sky in it, but any television deal which is ultimately arrived at would be a broadcasting partnership between at least two, possibly three, channels."

Bradford policeman given Wembley beat

JON HAMER, who has not played in the first team for four months, will be in the starting line-up for Bradford Buils in the rugby league Challenge Cup final against St Helens at Wembley on Saturday (Christopher Irvine

"He's a very experienced player who will not let us down on the day." Brian Smith, the coach, said in explanation of his surprising selection.

Hamer, 30, the club's longest serving player and one of the few who is not full-time. ast appeared as a substitute at Sheffield on January 5. His work commitments, as a police officer, have kept the prop forward out of contention. Although he has played a

handful of Alliance matches, few thought that he would be preferred to Karl Fairbank.

Smith sprang another surprise last night by opting for Nathan Graham at full back, where he looked distinctly uncomfortable in the defeat at Wigan last Friday. He has also gone for experience in selecting Bernard Dwyer, now recovered from a damaged elbow, as hooker.

Should a Bradford or St Helens player create history by becoming the first to score three tries in a Wembley final. their hat-trick will earn them a E10,000 prize from the sponsors. Silk Cut.

BRADFORD BUILS: N Grafrent, P Cook, M Calland, P Loughlin, J Scales: G Bradley, R Paul: B McDermott, B Dayer, J Harrer, S Notice, J Donougher, S Kinzx, Substitution from P Medley, K Faitheris, D Longo, G Christer, J Donohue, C Hosser.



A jolly good flashback

Mins Dynamite. Radio 4, 200pm.

One minute, Mandeville Livingstone is a tramp, roasting rabbit over his campfire. The next, he is behind bars, suspected of bashing a his campfire. The next, he is behind bars, suspected of bashing a policeman's head in. Then, quicker than you can say "Garn! pull the policeman's head in. Then, quicker than you can say "Garn! pull the policeman's head in. Then, quicker than you can say "Garn! pull the rooks. Berkeley Gray's comedy thriller has been dramatised by Guy crooks. Berkeley Gray's comedy thriller has been dramatised by Guy Grood. Fithen, It is pure 1930s, when the hero did say to the villain: "Good Fithen, It is pure 1930s, when the hero did say to the villain: "Good Fithen, It is pure 1930s, when the hero did say to the villain: "Good affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert" and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert and the heroine did affectionately grieff you're a cold-blooded killert and the heroine did affectionately grieff you "Jolly good show, chaps."

Noci Coward - From his Diaries. Radio 4, 8.05pm.

"As a god," Coward wrote, "the dollar is even more enervating than "As a god," Coward wrote, "the dollar is even thus cast wating draining the Holy Trinity." The second batch of extracts from the diartest impeccably read by Simon Cadell, contains more, much more, in the same within astringent vein. In Las Vegas, during his stupendously successful season, Coward discovered that the gangsters running the casinos also had a nice side (no scruples, but mother-lovers). He had a harium enema to the strains of Downtown Strutters' Ball and Taibulah Bankhead, having given him an Augustus John, asked for it back again after three years because she said he had had it long

BADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00em Clive Warren 6.30 Chris Evens 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lise FAnson, incl. at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeet 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark. Goodler, incl. at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeet 7.00 Evening Session, with Steve Lamscq and Jo Whiley 9.00 Alan Parlear — Road Warrior 10.00 Mark Raddille 12.00 Warrior 10.00 Mark Raddille 12.00 Warrior Licad additio 12.00 Wendy Licyd

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RADIOSLIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakdast Programme, incl 6.55, 7.55 Racing greater 8.35 The Magazins with Diare Medit, incl 10.35 Euronews 11.30 Wildlie Mers 12.00 Midday with Meir, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Rescoe On Five, incl at 13.05 Rescoe Resums 2.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Inverdale Agitomide 7.00 News Edm, incl at 7.39 sport 7.35 Gary Lineter's International Football Night. Live coversoe from Wembley of England ive coverage from Wernbley of England Covelin. Plus name of Denmark v-contand, Cosch Republic v Republic of reland, Northern Ireland v Sweden and 11.00 Night Edta 12.05mm After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30mm The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross 10,00 Scott Chisholm 1,00pis: Anne Raebum 3,00 Tornny Boyd 5,50 Peter Desley 7,00 Sport 10,00 James Whate 1,00mm Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00mm Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Tile World Today 7.30 Megamix 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Discovery 9.00 News in German 9.15 Concert His 10.00 News 10.05 World Business 10.15 Andy Kershaw 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Thirty-Mirute Dearns 1.00 News 2/1 German 1.30 Composer of file Month 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outsook 3.30 Newshour 3.00 News 4.05 Sport 2.00 Newshorz 3.00 News 3.05 OxBook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business 5.45 Brasin Today 6.00 News 5.10 World Today 6.25 Science View 6.30 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 7.20 Discovery 8.00 Newsdrour 9.00 Newsdrour 9.00 News 9.50 Words of Feath 9.30 Multitracic X Press 10.00 News 10.95 World Budress 10.15 Eritain Today 10.30 Meridian (On Screen) 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.10am Science View 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Multitracic X Press 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Strain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Outlook 2.55 World of Faith 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Critists 6.00 Miles Road 9.00 Heavy Kelly 12.00 Susanniah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Cassic Nessright 6.50 Sonata 7.00 Gardening Forum († 8.40 Evening Concert 16.00 Michael Masport 1.00am Mel Cooper

6,00em Russ 'n' Jone 6,00 Richard Skinner 12,00 Graham Dene 4,00pm Hicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle Mark Forest 2.00 Robin Banks

6.00em On Air, with Andrew MacGregor, Viveldi (Violin Concerto in D. Op 7 No 11); Besthoven (Piano Trio In B Sat, Op 97, Anchotics);

Sat, Op 97, Principals; Shostakovich (Five Preludes); Bach (Double Victin Concert) in Dimmor, BWV 1043; Rent (Trois pièces brèves); Moeran (Serenade in G) 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambacoint, Kreisler (Serenade in C) (Tambourin Chinois; Caprice

(Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor) 10.00 liftusical Encounters, with Stephenie Hughes, Strauss (Serenade in E flat for 13 wind instruments) 10.29 Artists of the Week; The Sixteen under Harry Christophers, Cardoso (Missa regins caell) 10.45 Die Schmidt (Homage to Stravinsky); Clara Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor); Maconchy (Music for brass and woodwind); Manoalio (Obse Concerto in D minor); Britten (Caberet Songe) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Soymemoments. Songe of a Feiry Tale Princess; instruments) 10,20 Artists of

Symphony No 3 (Song of the Night); String Quartet No 1 mm The Gould Trio. Frank Martin (Piano Trio on Irish Folk Songs); Brahms (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 67) (f) 2:00 Schoots Together 2:20 Time and Tune 2:40 Drama

Workshop 3.00 Midweek Cholce. Includes, Berlioz (Overture: Le Corsaire); Bach (Aria variata in A minor, BWV 989); Tirani

4.00 Choral Eveneong, ive from Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire 5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.15 In Trans. Includes, Haydn (Piano Tdo in E flat, H XV 22); Glazznov (Saxophone

Cuerted 6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concer live from the Wigmore Hall in London: Pletr Anderszewski, plano, introduced by Flora, zalkington, Bach (Engish Sults No 6 in D minor, BWV

811); Beethoven (Sonatz in A flet, Op 110) (4/8) Coeltraile, Another selection of dance music from 1920 7.30 Le Comte Ory, by Rossini. The Lausanne Opera Chorus

under Evelino Pido. Starring Alessandro Corbelli, baritone Valerie Lecoq, soprano, Jeny Francia, tenor, Nadine Chery, contratto, Franck Ferrari, bass, Diane Montague, mezzo, and Laura Caycomb,

soprano. Sung in French. Volces. A complete performance of Wolf's Malian Songbook With Joan

Andgers, soprano, Geraid Finley, bartone, kutius Drake, piano, Introduced by Isin Burnside (1/2) 10.45 Night Waves, with Christopher Cook

11.39 Composer of the Week:
Debussy, Includes excerpts
from Pelieas et Meisander:
starring Georg Shirley, fenor,
and Elisabeth Soderstron,

Soprano (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes in New York
1.00 Night School Versepley
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9.00 Costing the Earth, Mark Whittaker Investigates used Scottand and the prospect

traditional population
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.39
Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with

Isabel Hitton 10,45 Book at Beditime: A %

Jacobi reads this much loved collection of poems (3/5)

11.00 Seymour the Fractal Cast by Gary Parker, With Greg Proops, John Hegley and Na Prosented by Seymour Seymour Caster on the puestions no one siss carries be bothered to ask.

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11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament.

Shropshire Lad. Derek Jacobi reads this much loved

7.20 Science and Wonders: This week Russell Starmard explores the attitudes and theories of Christians towards.

5.55 Shipping Forecast (LW orly)
6.00 News Briefing Incl
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport
7.45 Thought for the Day
8.40 Yesterday in Parliament
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10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
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10.30 Woman's Hour
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questionable practices of a group of benisters. With John Bird, James Fleet and Lesley Sharp (2/5) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

2.45 Treasure Islands, presented by Michael Rosen 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope Paul Gambacchi is seau Birn of Dishord III new film of Richard III

4.45 Short Story: The Real Novel, by Gillen Thotal 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

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12.30 The Late Book: Lipstick off
the Host, by Aldan Mathelsh
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back to me, Chris, back to me". The first is that he is a man whose

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bris. If events follow their expected

path all that is left now is to ride off

his turn in the Where Are They

The second is quicker - that

Floyd may not be much cop at

business, but he still cuts the

mustard on television. Which

brings us to last night's Floyd on

Africa (BBC2), better known, Best

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Floyd, on the high seas, flexes his mussels yacht off the Cape of Good Hope. He span us some nonsense about wanting to arrive the same way the original European settlers had, but after umpteen series we know of his company-owned Devon pub marked the turning point of a career fuelled by charm and a Floyd set-up when we see one and cooking moules marinières in a bumpy sea was a good one.

With the director succumbing to a convincing bout of seasickness imal de marinières? the team was into obscurity, wife and well-stocked wine cellar in tow, to await down to three - Floyd, Chris, the long-suffering camera operator, and someone to hold Chris up. "Just push him forward," came the order, as the arrival of chopped onions coincided with a nasty roll

> Amid smashing glass and clat-tering pots. Floyd exhibited the constitution of a ... hard-living, publicity-seeking, television cook - swigging champagne first from a glass (crash) and then from the bottle. In the circumstances, who can blame the mussels for choosing death by hot white wine?

hypocrisy (Floyd ran up pork and greens in a post-apartheid, but men-only, shebeen) and a microlight flight over the Victoria Falls, the grating gournet finally met his match — ostriches. Cook-ing ostrich stew while surrounded by a flock of outraged ostriches ("I can see some complaints coming in") was provocative and con-trived, But, at least from where this unrepentant meat-eater was sitting, also very funny. Nasty feeling I can see some complaints coming in about that too.

New complaints, though, d about Edward on Edward (ITV). The late hour of its appearance told us everything we needed to know. Namely that Edward Windsor - Prince, producer and part-time meritocrat had discovered nothing new about his late great-uncle, Edward, Duke





Good journalist that he aspires to be, Prince Edward (this, after all, was a documentary he was born to make rather than trained for) pretended otherwise for a few minutes. The true story of the Abdication had never been told, he whispered. "Ever since, the private details of what happened - then and afterwards - have been guarded here at Windsor Castle. Mum, can I have the key?

Once it became clear the royal archive contained little more than a few family letters intended for the history books and the Duke's post-Abdication telephone bill (£800), he wisely abundoned con-spiracies and got on with telling what remains a fascinating story.

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In this first instalment, the Prince expounded the view that the Duke had never appreciated the full implications of abdicating. never anticipated a fall from public grace that would prevent him from returning permanently to this country

To the Prince's credit, a number

of serious charges were laid at his great-uncle's door. That he was selfish, stubborn, loose-tongued, an appeaser. But he cleared him of the long-standing allegation of collaboration with the Nazis. The programme, of course, would have been on a lot earlier if he hadn't. A few things jarred, such as the description of the pre-Abdication

Prince of Wales as "popular and charismatic" and the use of the present tense to give meretricious immediacy to events that happened more than 50 years ago. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable hour, enlivened by some splendidly terse telegrams dispatched by Churchill.

By contrast, nothing much enlivened Without Walls: Not Fade Away (Channel 4). Actually, that is not true. What is true is that ever since February 3, 1959 - "the most famous tragedy in the corpse-strewn history of rock music" - it's been raining in Philip Norman's heart. and it sounded like it. For much of this strangely personal voyage around Buddy Holly's brief life, Norman was pretty depressing company. Mind you, he would probably feel exactly the same if I banged on about Abba for an hour. It's a generation thang.

Norman, however, had done his homework — although it would take a real Holly expert to tell you just how new some of his discoveries were. They included evidence that he thumped women (take that, Peggy Sue), fathered an illegiti-mate child (and that, Peggy Sue) and that the Crickets came within a yee-hah or so of being called the Beetles. Thankfully (especially for Norman) puns were not as big in

Texas as they were on Merseyside. My favourite contributors to this sad tale were Niki Sullivan - who gave up being a Cricket after one tour, apparently to pursue a career in scrap metal — and Des O'Connor who, 40 years after he shared the bill and a bedroom with Holly, is still worrying that he did not get due credit for lending him a few jokes. "They sounded so much funnier in his accent." Now that will be the day.

Lynne Truss is on holiday.

6.00am Business Breakfast (54250) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (85521)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (7511724) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s; (7744786)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (1804279) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (35057)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6507989)

12.05pm World Championship Snooker. Dougle Donnelly presents coverage of the fifth day (s) (8385279) 12.35 Going for Gold. Happy Henry Kelly hosts the quiz show (s) (3436637)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (9590s) 1.30 Regional News and weather (94178434) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (44287298)

2.00 Snowy River — the McGregor Sags.
Adventure series set in the 19th-century Australian outback (r) (s) (27219) 3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1319892) 3.50 The

Silver Brumby (s) (1320908) 4.15 Funnybones (r) (s) (5090637) 4.20 Jonny Briggs (r) (Caefax) (s) (6228057) 4.35 Rugrats (r) (Caefax) (s) (9115989) 5.00 Newsround (Caefax) (1611540) 5.10 Blue Peter (Caefax) (s) (1817144) 5.35 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (458786)

6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather (415) 6.30 Regional News magazines (845) 7.00 Relatively Speaking. Gordon Burns hosts the family game show in which

players from three generations search for words with which to unlock puzzles and problems (Ceefax) (s) (8927) ! 330 Here and Now. Sue Lawley and the team

present hard-hitting investigations (Ceelax) (s) (279) 8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and Carol Smille pay tribute to more unsung heroes including a young brother and sister who confronted violent burglars, an 82-year-old charity worker, and an engineer who has tolled to transform the ves of Romanian orphans (Ceefax) (s)

8.50 Points of View (Ceelsx) (s) (843811)

news and weather (7892) 9,30 Medson. The ex-con is employed on a trial basis by Sir Ranald Heemley to investigate the blackmalting of a High Court judge by a rent boy (Ceefax) (s)

10.20 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of England's match roles action from Scotland v Denmark, Wales v Switzerland and Northern Ireland v Sweden (s) (118347) N.L.: 10.20 Sportsnight from forthern Ireland 12.20-1.50em FILM: Starlight Hotel; WALES: 10.20-12.20em

12,20am FILM: The Perfect Weapon (1991) starring Jeff Speakman and John Dye. A young loner's thoughts turn to revenge then his spiritual mentor is murdere Unfortunately for the killers, he is a highly trained karate expert. Directed by Mark DiSalle (s) (4678583) 1.40em Weather (5168038)

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6.90am Open University: Maths (7345434) 6.25 Electrons and Alorns (7364569) 6.50 The Albert Memorial (8331811) 7.15 See Hear Breaklast News (Ceelax and

signing) (4425434) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (†) (Ceelax) (73786) 8.00 The Lowdown (r) (Ceelax) (s) (1031540) 8.25 Wishing (r)

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12.30 Working Lunch (71231) 1.00 The Geography Programme (s) (86677618) 1.20 Zig Zag; An African Country (a) (86671434) 1.45 Come Outside (a) (94188811) 2.00 Wishing (r)

(s) (15397124) 2.10 World Championship Snooker, Featuring the end of John Higgins's and Martin Clarke's first-round match, and the meeting between James Wattana and Crucible new boy Jimmy Michie (s)

(10845279) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Having completely lost his memory, Data is stranded on a primitive planet where the inhabitants tear he is carrying a deadly plague (Ceefex) (s) (424182)

6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. The adventures of an American astronaut transported to the 26th century. A dying man entrusts Buck with a mysterious, glowing jade box which wreaks havec on the Starship Searcher and reunites Buck with his mother in the 20th century.

7.30 Factor East: Relative Values (Ceetax) (a) (521) 8.00 University Challenge: Warwick University v Imperial Coffege, London (Ceefax) (s) (2989)

8.30 Home Front. Tessa Shaw does up her nursery with designer Anne McKevitt, in month (Ceetex) (s) (4724)



Jim Holan learns London (9.00pm)

Modern Times: Streetwise (Ceefax) (s) (983521) 9.50 World Championship Snooker. David Vine presents first-round action as sixtimes runner-up Jimmy White faces a qualifier, Euan Henderson; plus further coverage of the match between Damen Morgan and Drew Henry (s) (778347)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (522415) 11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceetax) (s) (147908) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (33632) 12 30em-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

East Relative Values

BBC2, 7.30pm Here is an encouraging success story from Britain's Asian community. Through hard work and a possionate belief in education. they have shown a striking ability to rise from unpromising circumstances. Assmah Mir's report returns to a deprived area of inner-city Southampton filmed 20 years ago. The programme made them recorded the aspirations of new immigrants. One was a Sikh who arrived in Britain with £3 in his pocket. Two of his sons are doctors. A family which runs a clothing shop has three sons with degrees, all in successful careers. In the country as a whole more Asians than whites, proportionately, stay in full-time education and more go to university. But this happy nicture does not apply to many Asian girls, Mir's report returns to a deprived area of picture does not apply to many Asian gurls, who are still expected to forgo careers in favour of early marriage.

Modern Times: Streetwise

RBC2, 9.00pm The Knowledge is what London cabbies need to ply their trade. It means knowing in an instant how to find their way from one part of the capital to another. The green badge of office does not come easily. It can take two years at least and the oral interrogations are gruelling. Mark Phillips's captivating film lets us in on these sessions for the first time. The examiners are former police officers and on this evidence they are not disposed to coze charm or put candidates at their ease. The inquisitors are typified by a Mr Orme, who has grown men quaking in fear as they wait outside his door. A stern traditionalist, he says his nightmare is cab drivers wearing designer string vests over their beer guts. On the other side of the desk is the hapless Jim Nolan, who first applied to be a cabbie in 1982 and is still trying to get there.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Eamon Mallie's report is an attempt to piece together the story of the IRA ceasefire and to explain why it came to an end. He is more successful with his first aim than his second. Although the series of secret talks which led to the ceasefire have leaked into the public domain. Mallie is able to provide more shape and detail. He traces the story back to 1988 and the crucial first meetings between John Hume and Gerry Adams. He stresses the contribution of the former Northern Ireland Secretary, Peter Brooke, in agreeing o government contacts with Sinn Fein. And he reveals a fiery encounter between Albert Reynolds and John Major as the Downing Street declaration was being thrashed out. But as to what caused the IRA to resume bombing, and its current intentions, Mallie can only speculate.

Clive James Introduces Margarita 1TV, 10.40pm

Clive James is never one to leave his name off the titles of his shows and although this one is supposed to be about a colourful Cuban entertainer, it turns out to be as much about num. Margarita Pracatan is a hamouyant performer of uncertain age, who belts out songs with little respect for either the words or the tune. As James puts it, she sings in public like most of us sing in private. The personality is the talent. The show follows her to Edinburgh for her British debut concert at last year's festival. James is never far off camera, or from Pracatan's thoughts. It is uncanny how everybody she meets, from a cab driver to Derek Jameson, asks her about Clive James. It is hard to decide whether she is plugging him or he is promoting her. Either way, both are delighted with the result. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2353340)

9.25 Win. Loss or Draw (s) (7752705) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6576144) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2189637)

10.35 This Morning (44989637) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6596873) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3422434) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3430453) 1.25

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (2521386) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (907637) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (a)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (948347) 7.00 Wish You Were Here...? Linda Lusardi visits the Dominican Republic on an all-inclusive activity holiday. Judith Chalmers is in Oman to sightsee, shop

and cruise through the desert in a fourwheel-drive truck (3095) 7.30 Coronation Street. The women of Weatherlield revolt (Teletext) (347)

8.00 FILM: Rocky V (1990). Rocky returns from Russia to land that his fortune has been lost by a crooked accountant. A young fighter begs Rocky to train him and lite looks good — until he defects to the opposing camp and starts goading his former mentor. With Sylvester Stallone and Burt Young. Directed by John G. Avildeen (Teleted) (s) (4811)

10.00 News and weather (Telelext) (48415) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (747347)



10.40 Clive James Introduces
Margarita Pracatan. A profile of the flemboyent Cuban diva (548453) 11.25 FILM: The Fourth War (1990) starring

Roy Scheider, Jurgen Prochrow and Tim Reid. Post-Cold War Ihriller about two Colonels, one Russian, the other American, embarking on a slowly escalating private war. Directed by John Frankenheimer (464298) 1.05 God's Gift (8965651)

2.06 Dear Nick (7529564) 3.05 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (38376729) 3,35 Murder, She Wrote (r) (9882903) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (68903)

5.00 Cover Story (s) (43106)

5.30 Morning News (38187)

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wates Tonight (948347)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except 12.55 Coronation Street (3430453)

1.25-1.55 Chain Letters. Word game with cash prizes (79863989) 1.55 Home and Away (68963144)

2.25 Vanessa (54379347) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (8365304) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2521386)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (83076) CENTRAL

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2.50-3.20 Our House (4624569) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2521386) 6.25-7.00 Central News (948347) 11.25 Film: Harlequin (1980) starring Robert. Powell and David Hammings (484298)

1.05am Bushell on the Box (2389125) 2.40 Dear Nick (3374854) 3.30 On the Live Side (67800)

4.00 Jobfinder (5302458)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (811) 6.30-7.00 Doing It Up (163) 10.40 The Road Show (544785) 11.10-11.25 Music Box Profile (915811)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (78231) 9.00 The Golden Girls (58892) 9.30 Film: Bitter Sweet (68361106) 11.10 Prairie Album (5216366) 11,30 Bush Tucker Man (1095) 12.00 House to House (45328)

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3.10 The Montel Williams Show (6472989) 4.00 Jimmy's (796) 4.30 Classic Trucks (960) 5,00 5 Pump: Celfagati (8849989)

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10.00 Brookside (46057) 10.30 E.R. (24279) 11.30 Cybill (60724) 12.00 Nightsports (4408274) 6.30am Sharky and George (r) (s) (40960) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (78231)

9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s)

Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. Noel Coward's operetta about a London ass who, on the eve of her wedding, elopes with her music teacher to Vienna Directed by W.S. Van Dyke II (68361106)

11.10 Prairle Album (r) (5216366) 11.30 Bush Tucker Man (r) (1095) 12.00 House to House(45328) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (80182) 1.30 Madeline (r) (5) (8898695) 1.55 Voyage to Next

(51060960) 2.05 FiLM: Dr Ehrlich's Magic Bullet (1940, b/w) with Edward G. Robinson. Period medical drama about a German doctor who developed cure for syphillis. Directed by William Dieterle (Teletext)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (798) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (960) 5.00 Rickl Lake (Teletext) (s) (2852845) 5.45 Terrytoons (271724)

6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (445873) 6.25 Home improvement, American cornedy starting Tim Allen (Teletext) (s) (453892) 6.55 Murun Buchstansangur (223908)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (167705) 7.55 The Slot (892750) 8.00 Brookside. David and Sinbad are

digging trenches (Teletext) (s) (7057)



lan Wright goes west (8,30pm)

8.30 Lonely Planet: The American Rockies Ian Wright visits the Wild West and meets cowboys and native Americans, crossing the magnificent countryside astride a Harley Davidson and trying his hand at snowboarding and white-water rafting along the way (Teletext) (s) (9892)

9.00 Dispatches. The inside story of how the Northern Ireland ceasefire came about and how it broke down (Teletext) (267095)

9.45 Four Mations: Great British Animation. Two films by Joanna Quinn --

Britannia and Girls' Night Out (865124) 10,00 ER. Carter is accepted into the residency programme but blows it by over-celebrating, Chloe tells Lewis she wants Suzie back and Benton defies Greene over a diagnosis (Teletext) (s) (1960) 11,00 Friends. Rachel and Monica squabble

over two handsome doctors. With guest appearances from George Clooney, Noah Wyle and Elliott Gould (r) (Teletext) (s) (2347) 11.30 Cheers. Sam and Diane are invited to

dinner by Frasier and his new diffifiend (r) (Teletext) (60724) 12.00 Nightsports. Includes baseball, when the Seattle Marines meet the Chicago White Sox, and highlights of the Cannes Open Golf (s) (4408274). Ends at 6.00em

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SKY NEWS News on the hour 9.30am Sky Destinations (97095) 10.30 ASC Nightine (4704) 1.30pm CSS News ASC Nightine (4704) 1.30pm CSS News (*1509) 2.30 Parlament Live (52163) 3.30 Parlament Live (9163) 6.30 Tonight with Acam Boutton (60182) 7.30 Sportsine Acam Boutton (60182) 7.30 Sportsine Acam Bouton (60182) 7.30 Sporisina Acam Bouton (60182) 7.30 Sporisina (5851) 8.30 Newsmaker (7340) 11.30 CBS (5851) 13.00 Sporisina ABC World News (62835) 1.30 Tonight Replay (38859) 2.30 Newsmaker (67854) 3.30 Partiament Replay (59899) 4.30 CBS News Tonight (41106) 5.30 ABC World News (70187) SKY MOVIES

7.30em ice Hockey (24076) 9.00 Gesket-beil (71892) 9.30 Lve Tennis (9695724) 4.30 Formula 1 Motor Racing (9908) 5.00 Motors (4908) 6.00 los Hockey (51778) 7.00 Lve los Hockey (18978) 9.30 Tennis (38927) 16.30 Tivek Racing (78705) 11.00 Ternis (79347) 11.30-12.30pm Equastrierism (75453) SKY MOVIES GOLD

8.00 My Stepenother is an Alien (1988) (6:569) 10.00 Best Defence (1984) (74811) 11.40 Henren's Gate (1980) (54319347) 2:10-3.50em The Spirit of the m (1973) (280545) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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SKY SPORTS

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00mm Thought for the Day 4.05 Wornhip 4.15 Kids TV 4.30 Chronicles of Reveal 8.00 Voice of Victory with Karnesh and Soria Copeland 5.30 Christian Music TV 8.45 Carman Times Two

7.00em Guiding Light (8475279) 7.95 As. the World Turns (1048611) 8.50 Peyton Piacs (3190724) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9737809) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm .D-day (7582873) \$.00 Secret Service (4838298) 6.00-7.00 Biography THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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8.00 FILM: If the Terror from Beyond Space (54001786) 8.25 Swamp Thing (2918980) 1.00mm The Six Millon Ooks Man (8483546) 2.00 FILM: Vampire (5500682)

10,00pm World Cup Hall at Farmer Geoff Hurst (9272809) 10,200 World Cup Clinisis: Brazii v Scotland 1982 (9428144) 12,00-1,00mm Golf and Alf its Glory (4982815)

SKY SOAP

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6.00am Pugwell (48778) 6.30 Degrees Junor High (12260) 7.00 Ready or Not (51637) 7.30 Celfornia Dreams (90144) 8.00 Pylor (20140) 8.30 Saved by the Bell (22540) 9.00 Pink Penther (13862) 9.30 Gerfeld and Friends (90811) 10.00 Eels the Cel (66142) 10.30 Creepy Cravless (19078) 11.30 Cesper and Friends (92188) 11.30 Drobusides (32847) 12.00 Barrey and Friends (79180) 12.30 Tiny and Crew (9090) 3.00 Eek the Cat (9618) 3.30 Pink Parither (1705) 4.00 Celfornia Dreams (3540) 4.30-6.00 Saved by the Bell (9724)

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A.00pm Time Travellers (6940892) 4.30 Human-Nature (8946079) 8.00 Traesure Humters (8015699) 8.30 Voyager (6937328) 6.00 Ambulancel (8987599) 6.30 Beyond 2000 (9647415) 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and 2000 (9847415) 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Miractes (8947705) 8.90 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (8004453) 8.30 Ghosfrungers (8083960) 9.00 Unexplained (4472811) 10.00 Classic Wheels (4482298) BRAVO

12.00 FLM: The Man in the White Suit (994292) 1.30pm Death Valley Days (1540989) 2.00 Honey West (8088415) 2.30 hrs Garry Shandling's Show (695336) 3.00 Danger Man (7743144) 4.00 FLM: Junor Bornes (8001368) 6.00 Robin Hood (8064036) 6.30 LFO (9674569) 7.30 World News (9934231) 8.00 Menimal (4456873) 9.00 Gossp (7751163) 9.30 World News (1564182) 10.00-12.00 FLM. Ried Dawn (7742415) PARAMOUNT

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UK LIVING 5.00am Kilroy (5880927) 7.00 Esther (4875569) 7.30 The Young and the Restiess (4675434) 8.30 Gardeners' World

[8473502] 9.00.Food and Drink (8402347) 9.35 Yaze & Alie (8900057) 10.05 Jerry Springer (8483182) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (8976347) 11.95 Brookside (4785908) 12.30pm Dangerous Women (9240892) 1.25 Crosswits (6510250) 2.00 Agony Hour (2273231) 3.00 Live at Three (6569705) 4.00 Interestin UK (2115786) 4.30 Crosswits (3802724) 5.05 Lingo (11447958) 5.30 Lingo (21047958) 5.30 Lingo (21047957) 7.05 Dels Smötrs Cooleny Course (6154273) 7.35 The Joker's Wild (5789085) 8.05 Street Legal (9180811) 9.00 FLM: 578's in the Army Now (79914521) (2789095) 8.05 Street Legal (9180:51) 9.00 FLM: She's in the Army Now! (79914521) 10.55 Enlettenment Now! (1112057) 11.00-12.00 The Sex Files II (4851989) **FAMILY CHANNEL**

8.00pm Road to Avonies (3298) 6.00 Batmen (7989) 6.30 Catchphase (1569) 7.00 A Word in Your Ear (4927) 7.30 The Fall Guy (47453) 8.30 Home to Rocal (2182) 9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries Kassing the Gunner's Daughter (4163) 10.00 Treasure Hum (47250) 11.00 Strens (37057) 12.00 The Fall Guy (58090) 1.00 Am Batmen (88895) 1.30 All Together Now (18564) 2.00 Big Brother Jake (8489) 2.30 Strens (13458) 3.30 All Together, Now (54458) 4.00 Road to Avonies (35583) 5.00 MTV

7.30em Mest Losi Rockumentary (32502) 8.00 Morning Mor Featuring Cinematic (853144) 11.00 Europeen Top 20 Count-ctown (41250) 12.00 Greatest Hits (42892) 1.00pm Music Non-Stop (26453) 3.00 Select MTV (32601) 4.00 Hanging Out (76434) 8.30 Dati MTV (2434) 8.00 Scap Dish (8347) 6.30 Supermodel 2.09277 7.00 Dish (9347) 6.30 Supermodel 2 (3927) 7.00 Greenest Hits by Year (57637) 8.00 Evening Mix (72818) 8.30 Amour (22057) 10.30 The Head (12163) 11.00 Unplugged with Kies (39415) 12.00 Videos (3197767) 5.00 Morning Mix (63293) VH-1

7.00mm Power Breaklest (3708298) 9.00 Cale VH-1 (6779499) 11.00 Music First (3705569) 12.00 Heart and Soul (1999569) 1.00pm The Vinyl Years (1975989) 2.00 Ten of the Best: Teny Hall (6578291) 3.00 Into the Music (1305873) 8.00 Happy Hour (1988453) 7.00 VH-1 for You (9824786) 9.00 Methodday Design (983434) 9.00 8.00 Wadnesday Raview (9833434) 9.00 Ten of the Best: UB40 (9853298) 10.00 The Vinyl Years (9823057) 11.00 Tommy Vernae is the Nightly (3152163) 1,80am Ten of the Best (9485903) 2.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from Sans to 7pm on antellite, 24 hours on cable, richding Salurday Nite Dance Rance 6.00 to 7.00 Big ZEE TV

7.00mm Jasgren (46425057) 7.30 Zee Presents . (37802453) 9.00 Bengal San-al; Lookochor (26515908) 9.30 Hir Thr Hir Hai (25963569) 10.00 Urdu Senal: Mandi (46434075) 11.00 Manasi (58445786) 11.30 Urdu Firm (12449219) 2.30pm Burnyaad (83390163) 3.00 BBCD [27256296] 3.30 Mirza Ghelib (83302908) [27256299] 3.20 Mirza Gheib (83002309) 4.00 Zee Plesents . (86498369) 5.00 Zee Zone (27228415) 5.30 Film Deewans (83301279) 6.00 Campus (83391862) 6.30 Zee & U (83382144) 7.00 Fiu (27248279) 7.30 Bangegi Apra Bast (83388228) 6.00 News (27257927) 8.30 Destaen (27238434) 9,00-12.00 Hindi FiLM: Jacke Shroff Season — Sangeet (29767095)

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7,00pm Moonfleet (1953) (10941811)
9,00 Crucifer of Blood (1991) (85520347)
11,00 Rich and Famous (1991)
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(1962) (50160125) 2,40-5,00 Moonfleet
(1965) (20727019)

CNN/QVC CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is

7,00pm The Lounge Lizzards 8,00 Aria 8,30 Puccin's Turandol from Verona 10,30 Beethoven's Evening with Pater Schreier 12,00-1,00am Fela — Teacher Don't Teach BBC WORLD

PERFORMANCE

News on the hour.

8.05em Horizon 9.30 Time Out: Holiday
18.30 Time Out: Film '96 1.15pm Panoxama 2.15 World Business Report 2.30
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 24 1996

England coach experiments with adventurous formation against Croatia

Bold Venables to follow Dutch example

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

dorsed the players' feelings by immediately refusing an offi-

cial reception at the Croatian

Embassy, insisting that his men had to be fully focused,

And so, to England. One

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"friendly" or not.

THE world of football is intrigued by England. It sees their might and their power, but observers might wonder how, at Wembley Stadium tonight, England will adapt to tactics that they have ignored for almost a decade.

The quality of Robbie Fowler, whom England will blood against Croatia in his first full international, two weeks after his 21st birthday, is known, but it is also recognised that Croatia, when fully motivated, are one of the most awesome teams on the

'Croatia are a force of nature," Arrigo Sacchi, the Italy coach, said a couple of nights ago. "On their night, they have so much ability they take the ball from you and never give it back, which is what happened to us in Paler-mo." Sacchi was referring to the night when Croatia went to Italy and beat the favourites for the European championship, on hostile ground, 2-1.

Make no mistake, Wembley means as much to Croatians as to almost any footballers on

would never know from Terry Venables's jaunty mood that he has shaped a team to meet mission to many of the team when, last year, the original match was scrubbed by the one of the best of opponents Football Association because of the war in the former Yugoslavia. England, one feels, would play in a dishcloth after losing ten of his squad to injuries and diplomatic withdrawals. His response is sheer boldness, going fully into the tactical approach that he so admires from Ajax of if Umbro paid them to do it: Croatia pull on a shirt designed on the national flag, in red and white squares, and Amsterdam.

True, Liverpool and Aston Villa have made a success this season of playing variations on the continental theme of they do it with the incentive of So when, on Monday night. their players flew in from the seven different countries in three at the back, but Venables, as Ajax uniquely do, which they perform club duty, has chosen only one recog-nised central defender, Mark Wright, recalled after almost four years out of the national each and every one of them at bans hotel their readiness to play. Three of them, the capreckoning, and for some of those years even out of favour tain, Zvonimir Boban, Robert Prosinecki and Alen Boksic, all struggling of late with leg injuries, hid any pain they felt at Liverpool.

Wright, at 32 a proven defender in this mobile "free" yesterday to prove their capab-ility for Wembley, and the coach, Miroslav Blazevic, en-

role, is flanked to his right by Gary Neville and to his left by Stuart Pearce, players at opposite ends of the age and experience spectrum, both of them full backs required tonight to man-mark Alen Boksic and Davor Suker, who are regarded as two of the most elusive and predatory

strikers in the game. Certainly, Neville has never come across such a ghosting figure as Boksic, while Pearce. for all his 63 caps, will wrestle with something extra special in the tail, guardsman-like, dark-haired Suker, whose international record is played 17,

In the heart of midfield, Paul Gascoigne, having made his one-man stand in favour of Venables continuing as national coach, yesterday added : one-liner: he called on Fifa, the world governing body, to protect him from the yellow cards of Scottish referees.

His protection on the field tonight will come again from Paul Ince, with David Platt, returning as captain, adding intelligent care, it is to be hoped, to prevent Boban from running midfield.

Could this be the last opportunity, some critics ask, for



is one statistic which suggests that it is rash indeed to write him off: his 26 goals for England, in 56 internationals, are more than the accumulated total of all the rest of the

squad. The wings of England are entrusted again to the pugnacious Steve Stone, on the right, and to the effervescent, some-

times hypnotic, Steve Mc-Manaman on the left. Then the strikers: Teddy Sheringham, the sorcerer, and Fowler, the apprentice. Sheringham has foxed many people, but not Venables.

Sheringham's apparent lack of pace is more than compensated for by his quickness of mind. He is now a fixture, the

ates for others. Fowler, the most natural finisher since Gary Lineker, the scorer of 84 goals in three seasons with Liverpool, said yesterday that he was surprised, at 21, to get the chance. Surprised? Pelé was 17 when he played in a World Cup, Paolo Maldini 18, and Patrick Kluivert also 18 when his goal won the Euro-pean Cup final for Ajax.

happen. I'm well proud," Fowler said. You get people who want to be pilots and things like that, but from day one I wanted to play football, and if the chances come [1] score for England." His confidence is admirable, but let us not be too hasty tonight in comparing him to the finished product, Suker.

Gloucester set out to improve survival prospects

BY DAVID HANDS

GLOUCESTER, whose unexpected triumph over Bath-a. pected triumph over Bath-afortnight ago has created such
an exciting climax to rugby
union's Courage Clubs Championship, will descend on
Leicester this evening with
every expectation of laying low
the 1995 league champions.
Ten days ago, Richard Hill,
Gloucester's director of coaching considered sending a

ing, considered sending a second XV to Welford Road in second XV to Welloro togat in a order to conserve the energies of his better players for the first-division relegation dog-fight with Saracens at Kingsholm on Saturday. Now, a bullish Hill says: "We have a realistic chance of beating Leicester particularly."

beating Leicester, particularly in a midweek night match.

We are going there with the intention of winning and, if we can do that, it will leave us freeto enjoy ourselves on Saturday. Leicester are showing signs of tiredness — everyone is at the end of a hard season.

We are not out to do anyone any favours. We are looking after our own interests and there is no question of fielding an under strength team which would put Baths points difference in danger The sooner we can ensure our first-division survival. the

Hill's optimism will certain ly reassure his former col-league at Bath, John Hall now the league leaders' direc-tor of rugby. Bath supporters had feared an avalanche of Leicester points tonight, re-ducing their points difference of 85 prior to the league farage; on Saturday, when Bath play -Sale and Leicester conclude: against Hariequins.

Hill will take a squad of 30 players to Leicester and says he will field a side "similar to that which beat Bath", He is likely to rest such players as Rob Fidler, Phil Greening, Peter Glanville and Mark Mapletoft in the hope they will: be fit against Saracens. The second teamers who come in will be highly motivated. Hill added. They have been look.

ing forward to this chance." Leicester, whose 22-match winning run came to an ead. against a World XV at Twickenham on Sonday, will be without Neil Back and Aadel Kardooni. Their places at flanker and scrum half go to Bill Drake-Lee and Jamie Hamilton.

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Genius born of technical merit

ither of two qualities, usually both, separate the international player from the average: exceptional technique and character. The second is sometimes enough on its own, as with Jack Charlton, Roger Hunt, Gary Stevens, Steve Coppell or Stuart Pearce. The

first seldom is. Robbie Fowler has the first, in bundles, and seems also to have, at least with Liverpool, the second. Tonight, we may see if he can reveal both for England against Croatia.

Few players can explain their brilliance, any more than can a chess grandmaster. Stanley Matthews could not. How does anyone explain the perfection of balance that is born in them? Could Fonteyn? Understanding the necessary application of thousands of hours' practice to exploit that perfection is another matter.

Yesterday, when Fowler was selected for his first full senior match by Terry Venables, I asked him what he had practised the most while developing as a young

player with Liverpool. The answer was not evasive or naive, but predictable. "Just to play at club level and anything else was a plus."

David Miller likens Fowler's skills to those

of goalscorers who have passed into legend

the ordinary things," he said. Genius is not born of practice. Liverpool know that great football comes from doing ordinary things better than other teams do them. Within this framework, the spontaneous technique of a Fowler will naturally assert itself. Indeed it has, with 66 goals in the past two seasons.

Where Fowler, and Liverpool are fortunate, and we must hope England, too, is that he is free of nerves. His mind, and his muscles, are not twisted by tension. Jimmy Greaves suffered inner torments off the field, but on it he scored goals as simply as posting letters. Fowler is different from Greaves, but the simplicity is similar.

When Fowler says "it may be a cliché but I play each game as it comes," you believe

Law employs the balance and brilliant technique that made him the perfect striker

him. The same when he says that he had not really thought about Euro '96. "I was happy

The secret of Fowler's goalscoring is not really a secret at all. It is technical, and in passing was mentioned by Venables yesterday. It is the closeness with which he places the non-kicking foot to the ball, enabling him to strike it, as Venables said, "so straight and true".

An example was Fowler's left-footed goal late in the FA Cup semi-final against Aston Villa, struck with exceptional power for someone relatively short and slight. Pure timing and balance.

Most people attempting to kick a football place the standing foot wide and behind, so that the ball flies high and crooked, being hit underneath and on the side. When the static foot is close, then the

head and shoulders are over the ball, so that it stays low, the kicking knee having to be flexed and the ball struck centrally just below the middle circumference. Perfect strikers, like Fowler,

were Mortensen, Law. and Hurst. Mortensen's free kick that put Blackpool level 3-3 against Bolton Wanderers in the 1953 Cup Final was hit, bolt upright, through the eye of a needle. Hurst's memorable fourth goal in the World on the run. There was never a better example of perfect technique than the shot from Law that beat Banks in the 1963 FA Cup Final.
The expectation being

placed on Fowler is unavoid ably heavy. Football Associ-ation officials were yesterday trying to shield him without niding him. Yet a successor to Lineker is so urgently needed, the other candidates at centre forward, Shearer, Ferdinand, Sheringham and Collymore having scored only 11 goals between them. Hurst, a former wing half, only emerged as an England striker shortly before the World Cup during the 1965-6 season. Although Fowler is at present "reserve", all is yet possible. "That's what they're here for," Venables said meaningfully in reference to those called up because of injury to others.

"He's improved again this season," Venables said of Fowler. "He's a very cool customer and, as they say, the nearer the goal, the harder it gets. We can't compare him with Greaves, Hurst and others from the past, because we're looking at their whole

Fowler's international career is just about to begin, and Croatia, viewed as potential winners of the European championship, will be as tough a test as any could be.



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